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FRANK S. MONNETT, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OHIO.

THE CHIEF DANGER

To This Republic Lies in Trusts

SO SAYS ATTY. GEN. MONNETT

Declares People are Defied by Trusts

ATTACKS STANDARD OIL METHODS

And Stands for the Sovereignty of the People

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Hon. Frank S. Monett, the attorney-general of Ohio, well known throughout the United States as an uncompromising opponent of trusts, made an interesting address before the 20th Century Club last evening in the hall of Boston University, law school on "The Abdication of Sovereignty."

The hall was well filled by members of the club and their friends. Mr. Monnett said:

"I want to demonstrate to you tonight that the most potent weapon of oppression is that club that we as sovereign people hand over to certain favored interests and they in turn having thus seized the mace of governmental authority, pervert it to their own use and for their own self-aggrandisement in defiance of the rights of the great majority of individuals or citizens composing such sovereignty."

The speaker then discussed at some length the application of the people of the eminent domain as applied to transportation facilities, quoting from court records the decisions of eminent jurists in cases in point. Continuing, he said:

"I maintain that if by a great aggregation of capital a pipe line company may ramify all the oil of the fields with its system and connect with the manufacturing centres, which it in turn so controls as to prevent all competition and is enabled to destroy all competitions then the state and federal government for the good of the common men and the common welfare, has the power and right, and it is his duty to interfere.

"I believe that I can safely assert that very little injury has ever been done through the accumulation of capital in the manufacturing business or in other producing departments, so long as the competitors had an equal chance through the markets at the transportation departments.

"It is the millions that have been made from the favoritism obtained through the governmental grants as recognized in the transportation department as above illustrated that are disarranging the great commercial and economic conditions of today. The $200,000,000 owned by a little coterie of the Standard Oil magnates, the $1,000,000,000 controlled in the iron, coal, copper and other industries by a limited number of capitalists, represent the fruit of this illegal abuse of the governmental functions."

The speaker then took up, at length, evidence presented before the Ohio trust investigation commission, with reference to the methods of business of the Standard Oil company, and also referred to testimony given before the industrial commission at Washington, to show the arrogance of monopolies, especially of the Standard Oil company of Ohio.

"We have," he continued, "in this, the close of the 19th century, a spectacle of grants of corporate power, creatures of the state, more powerful than the creator, subverting the legislature, delaying judicial proceedings, delaying courts, or in other words, treating the United States and the state of Ohio as they have treated the railroads, compelling servitude on the part of the state, rather than the state retaining its sovereignty over its creatures. It is as complete an abdication of sovereignty, so far as this octopus is concerned, as any of a sovereign in history.

"Their grasp upon every public official who dares to lift his finger or exercise his office against their encroachments may be bitter and may destroy that individual, but let another step forward and fill the gap. Step forward, march on, shoulder to shoulder and recover our lost power, assert the sovereignty of the state over its creatures; if necessary even by revoking the charters and conducting the transportation department by the state itself."

SOLEMN SERVICE

Over the Remains of Late Supt. Begley

The remains of the late Philip T. Begley were consigned to their final resting place yesterday in the Needham cemetery.

A requiem high mass was celebrated in the morning at St. Mary's church, Newton Upper Falls. Rev. M. E. Begley of Weymouth, a brother of the deceased, celebrated mass and was assisted by Rev. Daniel Kelliher of Medway as deacon; Rev. C. I. Riordan of St. Mary's, sub-deacon; and Rev. Matthew J. Flaherty of St. John's seminary, master of ceremonies. A number of priests were also in the sanctuary.

The church was crowded with a sorrowing throng, in which was a large delegation which came from the scene of Mr. Begley's recent activities. About 100 employes of the Lowell and Suburban company represented that corporation and many other friends from Lowell and elsewhere were present.

The pallbearers were Messrs. J. S. Murphy, J. P. Haggerty, Thomas A. Kerrivan, Thomas Daly, D. H. Leary and Thomas Murphy.

Floral tributes, many and beautiful, also attested the high esteem in which Mr. Begley was held. The employes of the Lowell and Suburban sent a magnificent standard of flowers to "Our superintendent"; General Manager P. F. Sullivan and wife, wreath; Mr. J. S. Murphy, large bouquet; Mr. J. B. Fitzpatrick, ivy wreath and violets; Mr. E. T. Chandler, wreath; also wreaths and flowers from Mr. N. E. Morton, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Reede and many others.

The music by the choir was of a very impressive character, the singing of the "Benedictus" and "Nearer, my God, to Thee," touching many to tears. Miss Margaret Sullivan, the organist, directed the music, which was given by Miss Alice Sullivan and Miss Mary Daly, sopranos, Mr. Hurley, tenor, Messrs. James Sullivan and Joseph Murphy, baritones. Mr. Harry Cleary of Roxbury also assisted.

After the mass, Rev. T. J. Danahy, rector of St. Mary's, delivered a short but eloquent eulogy.

PADDED CELL

A MUCH NEEDED ACQUISITION TO THE LOWELL JAIL

At last, The Sun's suggestion of some time ago for a padded cell at the Lowell jail has been acted upon for Deputy Sheriff Baker has had a cell prepared for the reception of delirium tremens cases. It is 9 by 5 1-2 feet, and is considered one of the best of its kind in the state.

Sheriff Fairbairn inspected the new cell yesterday and pronounced it properly constructed. While in the city, Sheriff Fairbairn visited Supt. Wyman at the city farm and inspected that institution. He was highly pleased with his visit there and complimented Supt. Wyman on the excellent care taken of the inmates.

REPORT NOT BELIEVED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The publication of the Lokalanzeiger of Berlin of the secret treaty between Germany, Portugal and Great Britain, providing for the partition of the Portuguese colonies, meets with no credence in official circles here. A foreign office official said to a representative of the Associated Press that their advices from Portugal and Germany left no doubt that the publication was largely invention.

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THE BRITISH GLOOM

Not Lightened by Churchill's Account of the Situation

He Defends Gen. Buller's Action—The Boer Camp at Tugela River Impregnable—Shipload of Canned Meat From New York

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Mr. Winston Churchill's arrival at Chieveley Camp is perhaps responsible for some overcoloring of the gravity of the situation but all today's news conveys the impression that General Buller may be intending another attack upon the Boer position. At both Modder River and the Tugela, the Boers are said to be strengthening their forces and extending defence works which in both cases are seemingly almost impregnable.

Despatches from Chieveley indicate that General Buller's forces will remobilize at Frere before attempting another advance. Doubtless he would be glad to retrieve the Colenso reverse before the arrival of Lord Roberts, yet he is hardly likely to attempt another frontal attack. It is more likely that he is preparing to strike should the Boers make any offensive movement.

The Boer trench work is so good that it enables the enemy to hold a long line with few men and to travel great distances under perfect cover, so as to rapidly reinforce any point attacked.

The Times which comments editorially upon the severe strain says: "It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that our troubles are due to the unreality of the presumedly practical lessons given in the manoeuvres at Aldershot."

The rebels have formed a hinger at a point about 30 miles west of Modder River camp. It is also announced that the Boers have raised the siege of Kuruman.

Mr. Churchill's reference to Ladysmith may imply that the situation of the garrison is more desperate than had been supposed.

The Boers continue fortifying hills commanding the town. General White however, heliographs that all was well in Ladysmith on Dec. 26.

Competent military critics in London regard the campaign as at a complete deadlock for the present owing to the dispersal of the British forces and the lack of adequate transports. They believe it will be many weeks before Lord Roberts is able to re-organize and to make an offensive move.

Despatches from Modder River represent Dutch disaffection in Griqualand west as growing very serious. In some towns the entire Dutch population has joined the Boers.

A despatch to the Times from Mafeking dated December 11 by way of Mocluali, December 19 says that Lady Sarah Wilson, aunt of the Duke of Marlborough, who was captured by the Boers while acting as correspondent for a London paper has arrived there, having been exchanged for Viljoen, a notorious horse thief and convict.

SCOUTS LOCATE BOERS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHIEVELEY CAMP, Natal, Dec. 28.—Our scouts have reported Boers in force on this side of the Tugela river, three regiments of regulars, supported by artillery and all the available mounted volunteers under the command of Lord Dundonald, advanced. The Boers retired across the river. The British captured 500 cattle.

A RECONNOISANCE RETIRED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

KIMBERLY, Wednesday, Dec. 20.—At 2.30 this morning mounted detachments under Col. Peakman, with three maxims and three seven-pounders under Major May, reconnoitered. Leaving the entrenchments, the British advanced on Tolfhan. The Boer pickets fired and our maxims replied. The Boers disappeared over the ridge.

Our guns then began to shell Tolfhan at a range of 2500 yards. A Boer gun dropped four shells near our men, but did no damage. As the Boers were strongly entrenched, we withdrew. Their guns are well placed.

SHIPLOAD OF CANNED MEAT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The Record today says:

The English government has sent a ship to the United States and the packers of Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha and Milwaukee will load it with 3,000,000 pounds of canned meats for use in South Africa. The boat was reported from New York yesterday and will sail as soon as it is loaded. For two weeks from five to ten carloads of caned meats have been loaded at the stock yards daily for New York.

CHURCHILL DEFENDS BULLER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Morning Post received the following from Winston Spencer Churchill under date of December 26, telegraphed from Chieveley Camp where he has arrived:

"All ranks have complete confidence in Sir Redvers Buller and there is a stern determination to succeed next time at all costs. A painful impression was caused by the announcement of the change of commander-in-chief and the soldiers here are resolved to vindicate their trusted leader. The situation, nevertheless is difficult, the Boer position being one of extraordinary strength with high hills lined thereupon tier with trenches and galleries, rising from an almost unfordable river and with a smooth plain in front. The enemy have all the ranges marked and many powerful guns dominate parts of the river, while drifts are commanded by converging musketry from probably 12,000 Boers. There are 15 miles of wild, broken country before reaching Ladysmith which demands early relief."

ANOTHER STRIKE

Employes of Brussels Finishing Room

OF THE CARPET MILLS QUIT WORK

Were Refused an Increase of Wages

AGENT LYONS SAYS FIFTEEN WENT OUT

Operatives Say That Entire Room Quit

Amid the general prosperity that is evident on all sides, the struggle of labor and capital goes on and a strike is reported from the finishing room of the carpet mills.

An operative states that a committee from the Brussels finishing room made a formal demand for an increase of wages early this morning, intimating the fact that all woolen mills have increased wages except the Carpet mills.

Agent Lyon, he further states, took no stock in their demand and as a result all the help in the Brussels finishing room, over 100 in number, went out in a body and will hold a meeting this afternoon.

The Sun reporter talked with Agent Lyon over the telephone and he stated that only 15 employes who are employed on rags went out on strike, but the finishing room was closed down after they went out.

JOHN DORNAN

MAY BE CHARGED WITH A SERIOUS CRIME.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

EVERETT, Mass., Dec. 28.—John Dornan of this city was arrested yesterday, charged with assault but the charge may be changed tomorrow, as Patrick McElroy, the man he is alleged to have assaulted is now at the Whidden memorial hospital in a precarious condition.

General C. A. R. Dimon is still in Salem, his condition not warranting his removal yesterday. No dangerous symptoms are feared. If he does not have a hemorrhage.

FUNERALS.

MACKEY—The funeral of Jean Maxwell Mackey, was held yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock from her late home, 48 Franklin street. Rev. W. A. Bartlett officiated and the bearers were relatives of the deceased. Interment was in the Lowell cemetery under the direction of Undertaker Currier.

KEOUGH—Yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock the funeral of the late Bridget Keough took place from her home, 4 Hampshire place, off Hampshire street. The funeral was very largely attended and there was a profusion of floral tributes. The caskat was borne by the following gentlemen: Martin Larney, Thomas Lannion, John Killeen and John Dathall. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery under the direction of Undertaker C. H. Molloy.

FRECHETTE—A mass of requiem was celebrated yesterday morning at 8 o'clock over the remains of the late Rosalie Frechette at St. Jean Baptiste church. Rev. Fr. Fournier, O. M. I., was celebrant. The bearers were Joseph and Arthur Lamarre, Henry Shauvi and Thomas Durand. Interment was in St. Joseph's cemetery, under the direction of Undertaker Joseph A. Albert.

VARNEY—Funeral services over the remains of little Ruth Mabel, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Varney, were held Tuesday afternoon at the home of her parents on Ash street, Rev. C. E. Fisher officiating, and Undertaker Currier in charge. Burial was in the Lowell cemetery.

MITCHELL—The funeral of Mrs. Gertrude L. Mitchell took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from 141 Middlesex street. Services were held at the house, Rev. Mr. Bennington officiating. There were numerous floral pieces from her many friends. The bearers were Joseph E. Rock, John Cutrumbes, Henry Lorenzo and John H. McMahon. Interment was in the Edson cemetery, under the direction of Undertaker J. F. O'Donnell.

SMITH—The remains of Michael Smith, the boy who was drowned yesterday while skating on Beaver brook in Dracut, will be shipped to Amesbury tomorrow noon for interment.

DEATHS

MINTER—Mrs. Elliott Minter, aged 72 years, wife of Jam s M. Minter, died yesterday at her late home, 93 Holly street. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at half past two o'clock.

CHURCHILL—Sadie L. Churchill, aged 23 years, died yesterday at her late residence, 704 Middlesex street.

PROULX—Leontine Proulx, wife of Leon Proulx, aged 35 years, died Tuesday night at her late residence, 9 Knapp's Block, Moody street.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Keefe of Claire street are receiving congratulations. It is a 10-pound boy, born Thursday.

Miss Sallie T. Pike of Salisbury, Mass. is the guest of Mrs. Lorenzo A. Folsom of Appleton street.

STOLE A MIRROR

Ellen Tuttle Arraigned in Police Court

WAS SENTENCED TO THE WORKHOUSE

Many Drunks Before Judge Hadley Today

According to Agent Richardson of the humane society, Michael Hogan has been drinking very heavily during the past two weeks and his family, consisting of a wife and five little children, has been in hard circumstances since Christmas. Hogan lived with his family on Worthen street and last night Agent Richardson and Officer Doyle went to Hogan's house and found him there in a state of drunkenness. He was arrested and arraigned before Judge Hadley in the police court this morning.

He was charged with drunkenness, and it was his second offence within a year. He promised that if given another chance he would take the pledge and would look after his family. Agent Richardson said that when Hogan is not drinking he is a good husband and father and a hard worker. The court after severely lecturing the defendant, ordered him placed in charge of the probation officer for a term of six months.

John J. Cummings, a young able-bodied man, was only released from the state farm at Bridgewater yesterday morning after serving a term of that institution for drunkenness. On arriving in Lowell he went to a house on Cross street, where he got to drinking with a woman. Officer Markham was called to the house early in the evening and found them both gloriously drunk and quite noisy. The officer arrested both of them.

Cummings has an aged mother and a sister who is under constant medical treatment, but he does not help either of them. He said he has work to go to in the Merrimack print works and asked the court for another chance. He was also placed on probation for a term of six months.

Edward Reynolds and his wife, Sarah, were up for drunkenness and both pleaded guilty. Both are old offenders. Edward was sent four months to the workhouse and Sarah five months to jail.

John Nugent, who has been out of jail only two weeks, was in again today for drunkenness. He was returned to jail for a term of four months.

Patrick Cryan, a second offender, was assessed $3.

Two simple offenders were discharged by the court.

Della Kenney and Ella McNamara were placed on probation.

Peter McQuade, a city offender, who was arrested with Nugent, was fined $2.

Ellen Tuttle pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny of a mirror from Jerome E. Turner of John street. The mirror was valued at $2 and was taken from the hallway by defendant and pawned. The court sentenced Ellen to the workhouse for a term of five months. She was before the court for drunkenness some years ago, but other than that has no record.

The continued case of William Clark, charged with the larceny of $4.65 from Annie Holland, was continued again, owing to the complainant failing to appear in court. It was put over till tomorrow.

The case of George Lavalee, charged with illegally removing baggage, was continued one month for trial.

Seven of the drunks were arrested by Officer Markham last night.

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

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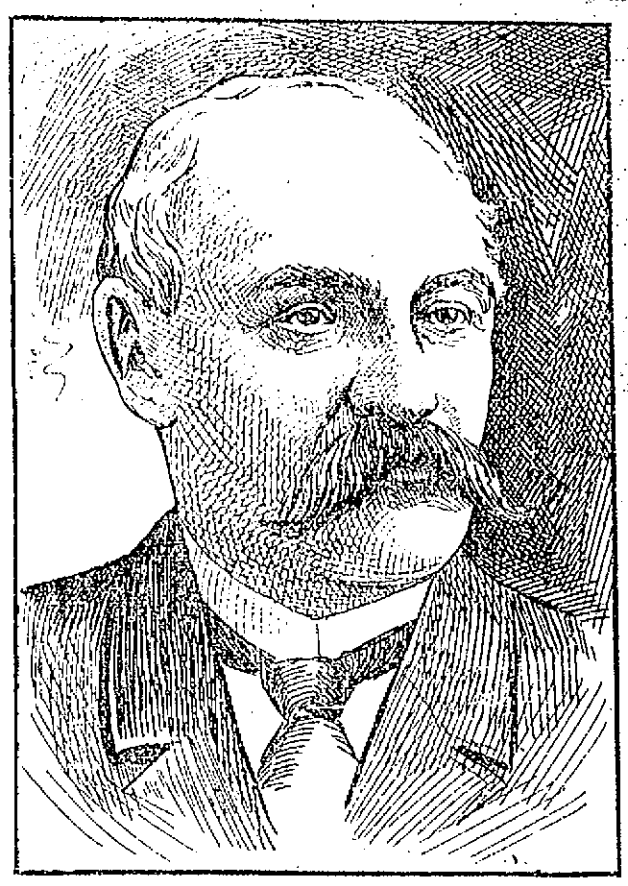

GRAND MASTER C. C. HUTCHINSON, WHO MADE AN ABLE ADDRESS AT THE MASONIC CELEBRATION IN BOSTON YESTERDAY.

In his address at the dedication of the Masonic Temple in Boston yesterday, Grand Master Hutchinson portrayed the legends of Masonry from the time of Solomon's temple to the founding of the order in the new world.

"We can almost find ourselves," he said, "standing in the splendid courts of that magnificent edifice amid the assembled multitude listening to the wonderful prayer of the Most Excellent Grand Master Solomon, invoking the blessing of the grand architect upon his work and beholding with bewildering amazement the flame as it descended upon the altar; overcome with awe by the shadow and glory of the Shekinah as they filled the whole house in approval of the perfectness of the work. As to Masonry, there has been no period in the world's history when it occupied a loftier or more honorable position before the civilized world, or embraced within its membership more of the intelligence and character of the age.

"Its purpose, power and systems; its character, plans of labor, its importance as a great moral and benevolent association are commanding the attention of the philanthropist and all good and true men are pressing forward to participate in its previleges. It is with sentiments congenial to our present undertaking that we have come today to dedicate this temple to the uses of the Masons. It is dedicated to the cause of intellectual improvement in the hope that the institution may have exert its most salutary influence, to the end that its name and mystery, surviving the decay of earthly temples, may be safely transmitted to future generations to faith, hope and charity, which shall abide when all else shall have passed away. We dedicate it in the name of that Almighty Being whose presence as a cloud filled the Temple of Solomon. May our love for it grow stronger and stronger, and may we say of it as Cardinal Richelieu said of his native land:

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My mistress France! My wedded wife!
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JURORS DOGGED

Molineux Jury Enters a Strong Complaint

MEN SHADOWED BY DETECTIVES

Recorder Goff Hears Their Story

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—Some of the jurors in the case of Roland B. Molineux, who is on trial for the murder of Mrs. Kate J. Adams, have complained to Recorder Goff about being under the constant and almost painful surveillance of detectives. They claim that ever since the organization of the jury a detective has been assigned to each member and that the detectives have shadowed them with a zeal that is annoying. The complaining jurors claim that they are not only dogged but their business places are invaded and even the privacy of home life is disturbed by detectives. One of the complaining jurors says that he and his wife were even followed by a detective to a Christmas tree festival on Christmas night.

The complaining jurors declared that the detectives who did the shadowing made a report of their observations every morning to Assistant District Attorney Osborne.

Foreman Martin was one of the complaining jurors. He said that he and his family were much disturbed by the detectives of Assistant District Attorney's employ.

One of the jurors objected to the detective assigned to him peering over his shoulder and sitting up close to him when he was talking business with some of his employees.

Assistant District Attorney McIntyre said today that 15 detectives were chosen for this purpose, a detective being assigned to each one of the jurors. He said it was usual to have detectives shadow jurors during the trial of an important murder case. It was essential for justice and public good that this should be done.

The trial was resumed this morning with expert Daniel T. Ames on the stand.

Assistant District Attorney Osborne was not in court when proceedings began. The recorder waited a moment for him and then refused to delay any longer. Assistant District Attorney O'Connor took up th examination by requesting the witness to choose some specific point of the admitted and disputed writings in evidence that had not been touched upon by those preceding him in the witness chair and state what bearing it had on the writings.

Expert Ames took for explanation the lower loop in the letters Y and G as they are to be found throughout the admitted and disputed writings. Passing from the question of the technical formation of these letters, the expert talked on about what he termed a "phenomenally long 'e.'" This, he said, was not an accidental happening, as he had found that invariably the letter "e" whenever used and whether capital or small was of phenomenal length as compared with the accompanying leters or of abnormal size.

This statement appeared to be at first contrad'ctory to that of preceding experts, relative to the final "e" in the word "oblige" which is little more than a dot on the paper. Mr. Ames, however, came to tha tpoint later and said that the final "e" in that word was never so small that it could not be recognized as an "e" and was always disproportionately high from the base line. A few minutes later the witness turned to Mr. Osborne who had entered the court room and said: "I have a hundred other points I could mention, but I am aware of a growing impatience."

"Go right on, Mr. Ames," said Mr. Osborne.

The witness next said it was preposterous for any one to say that the handwriting of Exhibit A the poison package address was of a simulated nature. If that were so, he said, the person who attempted to imitate the writing would try to write as nearly like the original as possible and there was absolutely no pictorial resemblance between the poison package address and the writings of the defendant. That the poison package address was simulated, he said, was impossible from any scientific standpoint. Mr. Ames stated in answer to questions that not being aware when he first began his study of the writings in the case, that the Crnish signature in the letters was not genuine, he came to the conclusion that Cornish was the man who had written the poison package address. He had not at that time seen any of the defendant's writing. He then told Mr. Osborne that he had formed his conclusion from a study of Cornish's letters that had first been given him.

"Then," asked Mr. Osborne, "it is your opinion that the hand that wrote the Cornish letters also wrote the poison package address?"

"Oh, yes. I came to that conclusion long ago."

Mr. Ames then illustrated the formation of the word "which" as it appeared in Exhibits H and of the disputed letters signed "Barnet" and 37 of the admitted specimens. Mr. Weeks asked permission to ask the witness a question and it was given. He then asked Mr. Ames to point out some of the breaks in Exhibit 37. This the witness did, making the same general statements as preceding experts had made. He was shown Exhibit 42, an admitted specimen and said he would be compelled to say that the break between the "l" and the "e" when these two letters appeared together was an accident. Other witnesses have said the break was always to be found between those letters and was a characteristic. Mr. Ames' statement was almost a direct contradiction of the other experts and immediately brought up a tumult between Mr. Osborne and Mr. Weeks. The former wanted the witness to testify that the testimony of the three preceding experts ought to be given some weight but Mr. Weeks objected and was sustained.

Mr. Ames then said in answer to questions that he did not believe it possible that any two men could have written the writings in question. He then testified to the effect that in his opinion the defendant wrote all the exhibits in the case, including the address on the poison package and the disputed Barnet and Cornish letters, and the admitted writings.

He was then passed over to Mr. Weeks for cross-examination.

Mr. Weeks 'first question was:

"Mr. Ames, have you ever posed as the author of certain pamphlets?"

"Yes, I have."

"Are you the author of this?" holding up a pamphlet, entitled "Biblical Myths and Rational Objections."

"Yes, I wrote that."

"And you wrote this, too?" said Mr. Weeks, holding the pamphlet and reading: "Again ignorance and fear tremble and are prostrate before self-seeking cunning and fraud, according to the firm of Moses, Jehovah & Co., unlimited, re-established, articles of co-partnership perpetual, powers omnipotent, capital infinite, realms terrestrial and celestial, and Moses its general financier and treasurer."

At this point Mr. Osborn leaped to his feet and shouted: "I object, your honor. This is introduced for the purpose of prejudice and is a supreme degree of unfairness."

"The law," interposed the recorder, "allows no religious testimony. An affirmation does not necessarily embrace a declaration of faith in God. In a court of justice there exists no test whatever as to what a witness believes or disbelieves."

"I want to test, your honor," said Mr. Weeks, "the credibility of this witness by means of these blasphemous utterances."

"Blasphemed!" shouted Mr. Osborne, "what do you mean? You do this for a much more malignant purpose and you—"

"Stop, gentlemen!" said the recorder. "I cannot allow this boisterous discussion. This is a court of justice. You gentlemen must contain yourselves."

Mr. Weeks then excepted to that portion of the recorder's remarks applying to the credibility of the witness "because these blasphemous utterances—"

"Mr. Weeks, you must obey the court and stop," said the recorder.

Mr. Weeks then went into a series of questions concerning cases in which Mr. Ames had been a witness. He sought to break down the witness' testimony by implying that the witness had made mistakes and errors in previous cases. All these insinuations Mr. Ames indignantly denied. Soon after, recess was taken.

STRIKE SPREADS

Coal Miners Win Over a Lot More Recruits

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ST. ETIENNE, Dec. 27.—The coal mine strikers marched in procession today to several of the mines where partial work is proceeding, but Dragoons stationed at the pit heads, protected the workers and no disorder has occurred.

The strike has spread to the mines of Rive de Gier, a town in Loire, 12½ miles by rail from this place.

MILLMORE DISCHARGED

SETTLEMENT MADE IN THE FALSE PRETENCE CASE.

The complaint against George W. Millmore, charging him with obtaining money under false pretences, was dismissed by Judge Hadley in police court at noon today, a settlement having been made out of court.

MURDER CHARGE

PREFERRED AGAINST WILLIAM J. YOUNG OF RANDOLPH.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DEDHAM, Mass., Dec. 27.—William J. Young of Randolph was arraigned in the Norfolk superior court today, charged with murder. He pleaded not guilty and the court assigned A. P. Worthen of Weymouth and Albert A. Avery of Braintree as counsel for the accused.

It is alleged that Young killed Benjamin F. Coolbroth foreman of a Randolph shoe factory, who discharged Young. The latter, it is held, called at the factory to see Coolbroth on September 9th. A quarrel ensued and Young, it is said, hit Coolbroth on the head several times with a shoe hammer, causing death.

YALE'S DENIAL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Mr. Stokes, secretary of the Yale corporation, has requested the publication of the following:

"Will you kindly announce that a published report to the effect that $700,000 has been given by two New York ladies for the new Yale administration building is erroneous. It arose from evident confusion between the bi-centennial buildings and the administration building. The gift for the construction of the latter, announced at the yesterday's meeting of the Yale corporation was $100,000."

DISASTROUS FIRE

Burned a Big Dry Goods House

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FORT WAYNE, IND., Dec. 27.—Fire at 5 o'clock this morning destroyed the wholesale and retail dry goods establishment of George Dewald & Co., and the crockery store of M. P. Kaag, causing an aggregate loss of $75,000, on which there is a total insurance of $55,000, distributed among several companies.

The fire is believed to have originated from a flue to the natural gas pressure which overheated a stove in the third floor of the Dewald store. The Dewald concern was established in 1857 and did a general dry goods business throughout northeastern Indiana, southern Michigan and northwestern Ohio.

SCHOONER ASHORE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A three-masted schooner was reported ashore at 8 o'clock this morning off Little Beach, on the Jersey coast. The lifesavers have gone to her rescue.

MAN KILLED

WAS RUN OVER BY A STONE DRAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 27.—Charles H. Bruse, 55, of West Concord, was run over by a heavily loaded stone dray this morning and died this noon at the Margaret Pillsbury hospital. Bruse was driving eight horses and in going down hill, the brake broke, throwing him under the wheels.

LOOMFIXERS STRIKE

REFUSE TO RUN OFF CLOTH LEFT ON LOOMS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 27—Fifteen loomfixers employed at Mill No. 4 of the Lonsdale company left their work this morning refusing to comply with a request to run off the cloth on the looms, idle because of the strike in the weaving department. The striking weavers are still determined to remain out until the justice of their demand is recognized. There is no change whatever in the attitude of the company, and indications point to a prolonged struggle. No attempt has been made to fill the vacant places. Those who come seeking employment are warned away by the strikers' picket committee.

HARVARD'S LOSS

Her New Boat House Destroyed by Fire

THE LOSS WILL REACH $37,000

The Harvard Launch Was Also Destroyed

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 27.—The new Harvard boat house, situated on Charles River Parkway, near North Harvard street bridge, was destroyed by fire this forenoon. The fire started in a shanty in which some workmen were heating creosote, the latter igniting. A heavy wind carried the flames in the direction of the boat house, which was in the course of erection and was nearly completed. About 25 feet from the burning building the steam launch Frank Thompson, owned by the Harvard Athletic association, which was moored in the stream, caught fire and was burned to the water's edge. The loss to the launch is estimated at $10,000 and the loss to the building at $27,000.

The boat house was to have been ready for occupancy next March, and was to have been one of the best buildings of its class. The building was 139 feet long, 85 feet wide and had two stories with a basement. About 25 workmen were employed on the inside of the building when the fire started, but all escaped without injury.

The boat house was built in memory of Marshall Newell, the famous Harvard athlete who was killed at Springfield last year.

SARGENT INSANE

Was Suspected of Hamilton Murder

By Associated Press to The Sun.

EVANSTON, Wyoming, Dec. 27.—John D. Sargent of New York, who was suspected of the murder of Robert Ray Hamilton, the New Yorker who was discovered in Snake river in 1891, is incurably insane. Sargent and Hamilton established a ranche on Snake river and lived there for some time. Later Hamilton was drowned and Sargent was accused of the crime. Sargent is now under indictment for the murder of his wife and is also charged with assaulting his 6-year-old daughter. He fled to New York after the latter crime was said to have been committed, but returned last summer to stand trial.

His confinement in jail caused him to become a physical wreck, and to lose his mind, consequently he has been released.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

OPEN THEIR SESSION IN NEW HAVEN.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 27.—The annual meeting of the scientific societies will meet with the American Society of aturalists at its eighteenth annual meeting, opened in this today with the first session of the Anthropological section of the American association for the advancement of science and of the Society for plant morphology and psychology. A number of papers were read by eminent scientists and discussions followed. They were all technical in purpose and subject as well as treatment.

The papers read before the Anthropological society were mainly on anthropological measurements and studies of the Esquimaux of Hudson bay and Northwest Indians. The first section of the American society of Naturalists, which association will precominate in point of numbers and interest, will hold its first session this evening.

The initial sessions of the American Morphological society; of the American Anatomists and the American Folklore society, also the American Psychological association were also held this morning.

MAN UNDER ARREST

CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING A BOY WITH AN AXE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 27.—A special from Chester says that Edgar E. Gifford is under arrest upon the charge of assaulting Carl Clay, aged 13 years, with a hand axe. The two lived in the same house on the Raymond road and a drunken quarrel at about 1 o'clock yesterday is alleged to have been at the bottom of the affair. Clay, it is feared, may be fatally injured. Gifford will be arraigned this morning.

A SENSATIONAL REPORT

MADE TO SECRETARY OF WAR BY CHARLTON S. LEWIS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Charlton S. Lewis president of the New York Prison association who went to Cuba on behalf of the state and other organizations in the United States, has made a sensational report to the secretary of war in regard to the penal institutions on the island. He contends that the government is responsible and says that a truthful description of the prisons would arouse universal indignation, which would probably be misdirected.

BROKERS SUMMONED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A number of subpoenas for Wall Street men were sent out at the instance of the grand jury today to bring witnesses needed in their investigation of the charges made by the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company that false rumors to affect the value of the company's stock had been circulated on the day of the recent collapse in stock prices.

BOMB EXPLODED

Panic in Mission Church in Chinatown

CHINESE HIGHBINDERS ARE BLAMED

For the Attempt to Kill Worshippers

By Associated Press to The Sun.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 27—During service yesterday in the Methodist Mission church in Chinatown, an explosion occurred and sixty or seventy Chinese converts and white people rushed for the street, with the building tumbling about their heads. All escaped serious injury. It was found that a bomb had been exploded by a slow fuse underneath the church. The explosion is supposed to be the work of Chinese Highbinders who hoped to kill seven mission women and the preacher, the Rev. Mr. Gardner, who married a Chinese woman and learned many secrets of the Highbinders, through his wife's relatives.

Twelve months ago he disclosed a plot by which several Chinese were to be murdered and the Highbinders then sent him word that he was marked for death. The Chinese women were instrumental in having the Chinese girl slaves of prominent Chinese taken from their masters and placed in the Methodist home, where they were taught English and Christianity. Eighteen of the rescued girls were in the church at the time of the explosion.

A DISASTROUS FLOOD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 27.—A disastrous flood is raging along the Nooksack river in Whatcom county. It is estimated that damage to the extent of $6,000 has been done to farms and buildings in the flooded district and the waters show no indication of subsiding. Six or seven bridges over the river have been swept away. The flood was caused by rains.

LETTER CARRIERS

WITHDREW FROM THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—By the unanimous action of Local Assembly No. 1166, Knights of Labor, the ranks of that organization were reduced nearly 500 last night. At a meeting the members of the Assembly, which is composed of Letter Carriers, decided to withdraw from the national organization in accordance with a ruling made by the district master workman, E. J. Lindholm, on December 15th, when he suspended the local body because it attempted to repudiate the action of the national assembly in Boston recently in adopting resolutions against the administration of President McKinley. Last night the resolution was repudiated and then the members voted unanimously to withdraw from the national body.

Not only did they agree to withdraw but they also decided to surrender their charter.

CHESS TOURNEY

RESULT OF THE SECOND ROUND YESTERDAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The games in the second round of the intercollegiate chess tournament resulted as follows:

The game between Cook, Yale and F. R., Columbia, was adjudicated a draw after 53 moves.

Henley, Princeton, lost to Perry, Harvard, after 36 moves. The Harvard man outplayed his opponent from the start.

Sewall, Columbia, won his game with Rice, Harvard, after 61 moves. The Columbian played a steady game.

Morgan of Yale, and Hunt, Princeton, drew after 21 moves. Both men put up a splendid exhibition of chess.

The third round will be played in the following order tomorrow P. R., Columbia vs. Henley, Princeton; Cook, Yale, vs. Perry, Harvard; Sewall, Columbia, vs. Morgan, Yale and Hunt, Princeton vs. Rice, Harvard.

BOYDEN DEFEATED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The school board of 1899 concluded its business for the year last night, disposing of some important business.

One surprising thing that the board did was to defeat the confirmation of Wallace C. Boyden as master of the Normal school. The only reason for the action of the board, as given by one of the members after the meeting, was that Mr. Boyden is a non-resident, his home being in Newton.

Mr. Boyden, who has been acting master of the school for about two years, was recommended for the position permanently by Superintendent Seaver, a month ago.

Two ballots were taken on the question of confirmation. On the first there were 21 votes cast, 13 being necessary for choice. Mr. Boyden had 11 and there were 10 blanks. On the second ballot there were 19 votes. Mr. Boyden had 9, and again there were 10 blanks.

PENSION CHANGES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The following pension changes, resulting from the issue of December 12th, are announced:

MASSACHUSETTS.

Original—Francis O. Moody, Melrose Highlands, $6; Albert W. Hayden, Brockton, $12.

Increase—George F. Aufort, Charlestown, $8 to $12; Moses Cook, South Essex, $8 to $12.

Reissue—Daniel F. Knight, Montgomery, $14.

Original Widows, etc.—Lucy A. Peterson, Holbrook, $8; Abby M. Drew, Dorchester, $8.

Handsome souvenirs at Foresters' Ball, Friday evening, Dec. 29.

PLAGUE RAGING

MANY DEATHS HAVE OCCURRED FROM IT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 27.—The British consul at Noumea confirms the report that the plague in a severe type is raging and that many deaths from that cause have occurred in New Caledonia. The government of Australia have taken stringent precautions for quarantining arrivals from Noumea.

MORTON MAY BE CHOSEN.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Paul Morton, third vice-president of the Santa Fe railroad, may be asked to accept the position of president of the re-organized Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf system. His name was considered at a meeting of the executive committee last night and plans were discussed which, if carried out in their entirety, will result in a new railroad system which will reach from the Atlantic to the Pacific seaboards and to the Gulf of Mexico on the south.

Omega Oil

Where It Comes From

A Boston business man, with his wife, was over in Europe. While in Paris his wife fell from a carriage and hurt her ankle dreadfully. She was laid up in bed for weeks, and the doctors couldn't do a thing to relieve her. Then the Boston man had his wife carried to the railroad train and took her to a small village on the side of the Alps mountains in Switzerland, thinking a change would do her good. Here, by accident, he came across an old Swiss peasant, who peddled a green-colored oil in a bottle. The Boston man got some for his wife, and two hours after rubbing it on her ankle she could stand up and walk as good as anybody. Before that she was utterly helpless. Then the Boston man hunted up the old Swiss peasant again, and after a whole lot of trouble he succeeded in buying a recipe for making the green oil. The green color, he found out, came from a very rare herb that grew on one of the Alps mountains, and it was this same herb which had so quickly cured his wife's sprained ankle. The old peasant told him he had been making this remedy for many years, but he had never given it a name. He said it was a certain cure for rheumatism, lumbago, neuralgia, sore throat, cold in the chest, weak backs, tired arms, shoulders and legs, stiff joints, sore muscles, aching feet, and all bruises, sprains, pains and aches.

The Boston man tried the green oil for all these troubles, and found it was really amazing what wonderful cures the green oil effected. Then he made arrangements to have the Swiss herb and other ingredients brought across to America in ships, and when he got back to Boston he organized a company to make and sell the remedy. It had no name, so he called it Omega Oil.

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School Board of '99 Goes Into History

TEACHER OF ELOCUTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Complimentary Remarks to Retiring Members

The school board held its last meeting of the year last evening and most of the time was devoted to the election of a teacher of elocution in the high school and the presentation of votes of thanks and complimentary remarks.

The following report of the committee on teachers was adopted:

"We recommend that a certificate of the sixth grade be given to Katherine Coggeshall, and that the certificate of George A. Willey which has lapsed on account of the two years limit be renewed.

"We recommend elections as follows: "Fred W. Putnam, Mary Hussey, Helen Buttrick, Ernest Everett and Katherine Coggeshall, to the high school; Hortense Lamere to the Franklin kindergarten; S. Alice Knapp to the Worthen street kindergarten; and Ethel Baker to the Charles street kindergarten.

"We recommend increase of salaries as follows: Thomas R. Fisher, from $800 to $1000; George F. Sturtevant, from $1000 to $1100; and Wm. F. Thornton from $900 to $1000, the latter to add to present duties, work in looking up absentees from the evening schools.

"We recommend that Miss Irene Weir of Brookline be engaged to teach drawing in the training school for the balance of the year at $5 per day.

"We recommend that the election of primary and grammar school teachers be postponed until the regular meeting in March, 1900.

"ANDREW G. SWAPP,
WILLARD EVERETT,
JAMES E. DONNELLY."

Before the adoption of the report, Chairman Swapp said in explanation of the last clause, that the training school started in for the year with an entire corps of new teachers. They took from the head of the list some of the best graduates of the training school, because they needed to strengthen the school on the start. That force has gradually been reduced, and an election now will upset the schools throughout the city.

The board then proceeded to the election of teachers, recommended in the report, with the exception of teacher of elocution and physical culture in the high school. The list was elected as above, with that one exception.

A ballot was then taken for teacher of elocution and physical culture, resulting as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 8; necessary for choice, 6; Adelaide E. Noyes, 1; Mary Joyce, 3; Mary Hussey, 4.

A second ballot gave the same result, and on the third ballot Miss Noyes' name was dropped and Miss Joyce received three votes. Miss Hussey five.

On motion of Mr. Donnelly, the committee took a ten-minute recess.

When the meeting was called to order again, another ballot was taken, resulting the same as the third.

On the 6th ballot, Miss Hussey received six of the eight votes, and was declared elected.

The truant commissioner's monthly report was read and accepted.

Supt. Whitcomb presented the resignation of Miss Marietta F. Crowley of the Lakeview avenue school, who was recently married. The resignation was accepted with the usual vote of thanks, Mr. Stearns calling attention to Miss Crowley's long period of faithful and successful service.

Mr. Whitcomb presented a list of names from Principal Irish of the high school, of pupils in the junior class who are not reaching the standard of requirements. The scholars were placed on probation, and on motion of Mr. Stearns the secretary was directed to ascertain from which schools the pupils in question were graduated, and inform the principals of the fact.

Mr. Everett of the training school committee asked for an appropriation of $160, to be used in fitting up the office, and it was granted. Mr. Swapp was also given permission to make a few necessary changes in the equipment of the Bartlett school.

Before adjournment, Mr. Stearns made a complimentary speech expressing regret that Mr. Thomas Murphy, the member from ward two, was about to retire from the board.

Mr. Swapp then called attention to the vacant seat of Mr. A. H. Schoolcraft, who, it is reported, has practically given up his residence in Lowell on account of poor health. He spoke in complimentary terms of Mr. Schoolcraft. He then referred to his four years of service as chairman, and expressed gratitude for the kindness universally shown him by the members. He said he should retire from the position feeling that he has had more than his share, and is glad to become a private in the ranks and do everything in his power to help whoever might take his place.

On motion of Mr. Everett, a rising vote of thanks was given Mr. Swapp for the fair, square and candid treatment given every member of the board.

The meeting was then adjourned.

THEIR FIRST AT HOME.

Dr. and Mrs. James F. Sullivan of 230 Pawtucket street held their first "at home" from 4 to 6 and from 8 to 10 o'clock last night and the guests numbered not less than 350. The decorations were the result of a very artistic arrangement of pine trees, laurel and roses. An orchestra composed of members of the Symphony furnished music and the D. L. Page company catered. Dr. and Mrs. Sullivan were assisted in receiving by the Misses Costello, Miss Nellie Sullivan, Miss Dempsey, Miss Helen Dempsey, Miss Alice Dempsey, Miss Katharine Donovan and Miss Adelaide Crowley. The reception was an enjoyable one in many ways.

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HE IS A FRAUD

Faculty of Holy Cross College Imposed Upon

BY ONE POSING AS A BISHOP

President Lehy Gave Him Thirty Dollars

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 28.—The Spy today says:

It turns out that the Right Rev. J. Meerschaert, bishop of the Indian tribes of the west, who visited Holy Cross college in Worcester, December 5, and was received with open arms by the unsuspecting members of the faculty and students, was not Bishop Meerschaert at all. It is pretty certain that the alleged prince of the church was none other than a clever and experienced confidence man named O. F. Lewis, of Russo-Jewish extraction. Now that the imposition has become known, the priests and students at Holy Cross recall many little peculiarities about the pseudo bishop that at the time of his visit were regarded only as lapses due to his extreme old age for he certainly appeared on the frontiers of 80, if he was a day.

At the time of his visit to the college he said he was on his way to his see in the west after having paid a visit to the Pope. He told thrilling stories of escapes and hairbreadth adventures with Indian tribes so admirably that no one suspected him of being a prevaricator. He said too that he had converted whole tribes. He had no conscientious scruples against acting as well as pretending the part of a Catholic prelate. He said mass the morning after his arrival and yesterday it was recalled that he made a number of slips as well as proved to be remarkably deficient in his knowledge of Latin.

The man has operated, it is said, all over the country, but usually he enacts the part of a priest and not that of a bishop. He was discovered at Rochester, N. Y., owing to his lack of knowledge of Latin. A few years ago he tried to bunco Father Feehan of Fitchburg out of some money by means of a forged check. His deception was seen through and later after a desperate struggle he was arrested and served three years in the state prison.

Rev. John F. Lehy, president of Holy Cross, gave him $30 when he started off on his return as was supposed, to his beloved Indian charge in the wilderness.

CLASS OF 98

HELD THEIR ANNUAL REUNION LAST NIGHT.

A pleasant social event took place at the High school hall last night, the occasion being the reunion of the class of 1898 of the Lowell High school. There were about 75 members present. It was unanimously voted to hold a reunion every year and to observe the event by a banquet. It was also voted to make the present officers of the class permanent. They are as follows: President, Thomas J. O'Donell of Tufts College; vice president, Miss Edith Dempsey; secretary, Miss Ardelle W. Roper; treasurer, Frederick Gorman; sergeant-at-arms, Francis Murphy.

The following committee was appointed to arrange for the banquet next year: Messrs. Robert Elliott, Brady, Joseph Wright and the Misses Halloran, Smith and Essie Roche. After the meeting a general entertainment was given by members, and included piano solos by Joseph Wright. Lloyd Howarth, Lillian Leith. Dancing followed, the music being furnished by different members.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Misses Jennie Allen and Marietta Cassidy, teachers at the school, who served as matrons.

During the evening, Messrs. Robert Elliott and Herbert Bixby made remarks on the good of the organization. Miss Jennie Allen also made an address to the class and was heartily received.

CHILDREN'S RECEPTION.

The teachers of the primary classes held a children's reception last evening at the John street church. The children were merrily entertained with pleasant games, were feasted to the full with good things including the essential ice cream so dear to children's palates and then the contents of two Christmas trees were distributed. Mrs. Orville E. Coon was mistress of ceremonies and the evening was completely successful.

DECLINED TO SAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—The house No. 1602 Pine street is a boarding house. It was said there last night that a girl named Rose Melville lived there last May and that she was still in Philadelphia. Her present address was refused. Persons in the house declined to tell whether or not the girl was married.

POLICE WORKING

Investigating Stanislaw Leczenski's Death

BOY ARRESTED FOR BUNKING OUT

He Tells a Pitiable Tale at the Station

The police inspectors are hard at work on the case of Stanislaw Leczenske, the Pole who died at St. John's hospital and who is believed to have been a victim of foul play, and nearly every Pole on William street has been seen by the inspectors, who are meeting with considerable difficulty on account of the reticence of the Poles. The two men who first told the police that there was suspicion among the Poles that Leczenski was foully dealt with are now endeavoring to shift, and they are sure that Leczenski met his death by accident. One Pole is quoted as saying that Leczenski was on too familiar terms with Barton's wife for Barton's peace of mind and that he has been heard to threaten Leczenski.

BOY ARRESTED.

A 12-year-old boy named Richard Franz was sent to the police station just before midnight last night by Officer O'Connell, who found him in a doorway in Market street. When the youngster was brought before Captain Kew he had a long tale of woe to tell and his case will probably be placed in the hands of the humane society. The boy said he left his home more than a month ago because he could not stand the actions of his drunken parents and that he has been sleeping out nights ever since. His food was obtained from two boys who were in the habit of making the round of boarding houses for cold victuals. He claimed to have been an inmate of Bishop Bradley's home in Manchester two years ago and begged to be sent back there so that he might have humane treatment. He said his own father died some time ago and he was put in the home by his mother. Then she married again and he was taken out of the home by a blind musician who wanted him as a guide. At times the musician played on street corners and made the boy pass the hat and sell pencils on cars. He could not stand it and gave up the job. His mother and father beat him on the slightest provocation, he claimed, and he did not want to go near them again. He said he could find no better place than the block on Market street in which to sleep and that he was glad to get this chance. There was nothing to lie on there but the boards and the boy said he managed to get out of the place every day before the occupants were about.

Several of the officers have made complaints about the boy and he has been in court before for petty offences. He does not always tell the same stories and the police will look him up today.

MOTHER REPULSED

In an Attempt to Steal Her Own Child

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FREEPORT, L. I., Dec. 28.—The attempt of a mother to gain possession of her own child caused an exciting scene here a few days ago. Mrs. Stella Raynor, the wife of Riley Raynor, was the chief actor, and she was accompanied by her brother, Duke Midhauer, former Justice F. J. Bedell and Miss Jennie Housman.

The Raynors were married four years ago, and the husband belongs to a prominent family of this town. Mrs. Raynor is an actress of Brooklyn. For two years they lived happily and then separated. They had one child which, after the separation, was taken to the home of Raynor's father, James C. Raynor.

Late in the afternoon, Mrs. Raynor and her three friends drove up to the grandparent's home and Mrs. Raynor entered the house. She found the child playing there and with a cry of joy took it up in her arms and started for the front door.

But Miss Fannie Raynor, a sister of Riley Raynor, caught sight of her, ran after her, and just as the door was reached seized the little child. The two women screamed and struggled and Miss Housman ran to the mother's aid.

The group pulled and struggled until the edge of the porch was reached, whereupon they all fell over it and came down in a heap. No one, however, was hurt.

By this time James C. Raynor was aroused and came rushing out. Until now the men who had come with the child's mother had stood by as spectators, while the women struggled, but, according to Raynor's affidavit, he was attacked by both Midhauer and Bedell. He forced his way past them, however, and grasped the child.

Meanwhile the town was aroused by the struggle and outcries, and people came running from every direction. Several men interfered in the fight and seeing that it was hopeless to struggle further the mother and her party jumped into their carriage and drove away.

Lindhauer was arrested for assault and a warrant is out for Bedell, who fled. It is not expected that any action will be taken against the mother or her woman friend.

BUBONIC PLAGUE

IS RAGING IN THE HAWAIIAN CAPITAL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 28.—The army transports Centennial and Newport, which arrived here during the night from Manila, via Honolulu, bring the startling news that the bubonic plague is raging in the capital city of the Hawaiian Islands. It is understood that the scourge was brought into Honolulu by a vessel from one of the infested ports of China.

The administration of Honolulu is upon a very modern and scientific basis; Americans are in charge, and the probability is that the plague will not spread outside of the Asiatic quarters of the city.

SCHAEFER SIGNS A CONTRACT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—"Jake" Schaefer, the billiard expert, today attached his name to a contract calling for four months in one of the leading academies of the French metropolis. The "Wizard" was reticent in regard to his plans, but intimated that he would sail for the other side very soon.

the danger is in the neglect—that's why so many colds lead to a fatal disease.

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FOR MORE WAGES

Lively Meeting of Bricklayers' Union

THEY WANT 42 CENTS AN HOUR

And Will Demand a Shorter Day

A lively session of the Bricklayers' union was held last night in Bay State hall. Officers were elected for the ensuing six months as follows: President, Henry Foisy; vice president, James Conlon; treasurer, Frank George; financial secretary, Harry Spellman; recording secretary, Thos. Burns; corresponding secretary, Chas. Stanley; deputy, Alexander Ray, trustees, Thomas Golden, John F. Florence and Joseph Jalbert.

There was an interesting discussion upon the conditions existing in Lowell, during which the fact was brought out that in 60 per cent. of the cities in Massachusetts, the bricklayers were working but eight hours a day, and were receiving an average of 10 per cent. more wages than was paid in Lowell.

As a result of the discussion, a committee was appointed to confer with the master builders relative to a request of the bricklayers for an eight hour day and an increase from 39 cents to 42 cents an hour beginning May 1.

It was also voted to notify the superintendent of streets that the price for brickwork on the sewers would hereafter be 56 cents an hour. After the business had been completed there was an informal social and smoke talk, refreshments being served.

TEXTILE COUNCIL.

The regular meeting of the Textile Council was held last evening and after a review of the industrial situation, discussed a matter upon which final action will be taken at the next meeting. The recent labor rally was reported to have been rich in fruition of new members.

ELECTED OFFICERS.

At the regular meeting of the Shavers' union held last night, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing six months: President, John F. Doherty; vice president, Charles McDonald; recording secretary, Henry H. Nash; financial secretary, Wm. McMahon; treasurer, Arnold Brundage; sergeant-at-arms, Robert Inland; trustees, Moses Given and James Gilligan.

BASKET BALL

BURKES AND P. A. C. PLAY AGAIN MONDAY NIGHT.

The Burkes and P. A. C.'s, who played such an exciting basket ball game at Associate hall Christmas night will again come together next Monday night at the same hall in the second game of their series, and an even more exciting contest is looked for. These two teams have already played two games this season. The Burkes won the first and the P. A. C.'s the second, and next Monday night's game will decide the championship of the city, which has been held by the Burkes for about five years. The champions are not going to dispense with the coveted title without the hardest kind of a struggle, and, on the other hand, the Pawtucketville boys intend to put up the game of their lives in order that they may get the championship in their possession. It will be a great game.

DECISION RATIFIED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28.—The Doyen of the diplomatic corps at Pekin has telegraphed to the senior consul here that the decision reached in the matter of extension of the foreign settlement has been ratified.

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THE LAWTON FUND

Mayor Crowley Asked to Solicit Subscriptions

CITY TREASURER COBURN WILL RECEIVE MONEY

Request Received From Adjt. Gen. Corbin

Mayor Crowley today received the following self-explanatory despatch from Washington, D. C.:

To the Mayor, Lowell, Mass.:

The committee having in charge the raising of the fund for the benefit of the widow and four young children of the late Maj. Gen. Henry W. Lawton, who was killed in action at San Mateo, Luzon, P. I., Dec. 19, request you to solicit and receive contributions and act for and represent the community in your city and vicinity. It is proposed to keep the subscription list open until the evening of January 5. General Lawton's services and sacrifices for his country's flag and his expressed concern for the care of his family is the most fetching appeal that can be made.

H. C. CORBIN, Adjt. Gen.
Acting for the Committee.

Mayor Crowley has appointed City Treasurer Coburn treasurer of the fund and invites contributions which may be left at the city treasurer's office.

A LYNN WOMAN

Gets Some Notoriety in New York

HER SATCHEL SUPPOSED TO DISCLOSE MYSTERY

But the Owner Relieved the Police

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—Brooklyn's police are wrestling with a case of mysterious disappearance. The principal in the case is a pretty and handsomely dressed young woman, whose identity is as much a matter of darkness as is her whereabouts.

On the night of Nov. 29, a tall, graceful woman, of about twenty-four, entered the store of the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., at Court and Wyckoff streets and asked James Murphy, manager if she could leave a valise there for a day or two. Mr. Murphy consented and the valise was placed in a safe place. It was a large new bag of good material.

The visitor did not return to claim her property and finally Mr. Murphy became nervous about the valise. He began to think that something might have happened to the young woman, or that the valise belonged to some one who disappeared. At any rate the circumstances troubled him and he determined to appeal to the police.

The matter was placed in the hands of acting Captain Thomas Walsh of the Butler street station house, who opened the valise Tuesday night. It contained five black feathers, long and handsome, four white waists, three tailor made coats, comb and brush, powder puff, night robes, fine underwear and a lot of toilet accessories.

There was also a letter that had been opened. It was dated May 11, was written from 1601 Pine street street, Philadelphia and was addressed to Mrs. Assunda Mellett, 9 Silsbee street, Lynn, Mass. This letter left the impression that the writer, Rose, evidently the daughter of Mrs. Mellett, stood somewhat in fear of a man named Robertson. The letter follows:

THE MYSTERY CLEARED.

A young woman describing herself as Grace F. Perkins of Boston, now staying at 25 Mill street, Brooklyn, with friends, called at the deputy property clerk's room in the municipal building, Brooklyn, this afternoon and claimed the satchel, which was restored to her.

Two other young women accompanied her. Miss Perkins explained that one of these was a sister of Rose Millett, whose letter signed "Rose" and addressed to her mother in Lynn was among the effects in the bag.

The third member of the group was designated as Miss Perkins' sister.

The claimant stated that she had left the bag in the store Nov. 29th because she did not feel like lugging it along. After she arrived at the Mills street address she forgot the address of the store. She and her friends had left the bag in the tea store on Thanksgiving night and tried to locate the place, but in vain. Finally, she learned from the papers that the satchel had reached the hands of the police.

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THREE DEATHS

AMONG SAILORS OF A JAPANESE VESSEL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 28.—The steamer Aorangi has arrived from Australia. She did not stop at Honolulu owing to the plague there. It is reported that three deaths have occurred among the sailors of a Japanese vessel at that port.

A hot wave struck Sydney just before the sailing of Aorangi, the temperature registering as high as 98 degrees.

Disastrous fires recently occurred at Warren and West Wyalog. At Warren twenty-one houses were burned, and at West Wyalog fourteen were destroyed.

PENSION CHANGES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The following pension changes, resulting from the issue of December 15th, are announced.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Original—George Sanborn, Gloucester, $12.

Increase—Albion H. Brown, Malden, $6 to $8; George W. Sargent, Malden, $8 to $8; Hazen S. Littlefield, Haverhill, $7 to $10.

Original widows, etc.—Adelphine A. Sivard, Worcester, $8; Caroline C. Bradley, Watertown, $8.

Original widows—Special accrued Dec. 15th, Hattie R. Salter, Worcester, $12.

War with Spain, Original—Edward A. Garfield, Brockton, $12.

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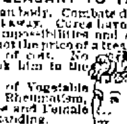

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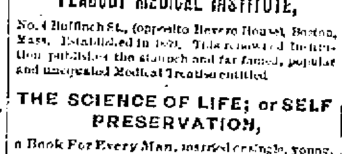

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ROLAND REED'S CONDITION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—At St. Luke's hospital last night it was announced that the relatives of Roland Reed, the actor, have requested that no information concerning Mr. Reed be given out. It was learned, however that Mr. Reed was resting comfortably.

Lazy Hens

are ailing, moulting—out of condition. Their owner is out of pocket, while they remain so. Get them to laying briskly during the fall and winter, when eggs are in demand, with

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Feed it once a day. It makes all the food more effective. Makes glossy plumage, eggs. If you can't get it we send one package, 25 cts.; five $1. 2 lb. can $1.20; six, $5. Exp. paid. Sample Poultry Paper Free.

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We ask but $3.00 per inch per year for each thousand of our circulation. Other local papers ask from $5.50 to $12.50 for the same service.

Do You See the Point?

THE RAVAGES OF THE CIGARETTE HABIT.

Editor Sun: Dear Sir—Will you kindly write something cautioning parents against the danger of allowing their children to smoke cigarettes. As a parent myself, I have some dreadful examples of the ruinous effect upon boys of this habit, and I think the stores that sell this form of poison to children should be punished. Hoping you will use your influence to put down this terrible habit,

I remain yours,

A DISGUSTED FATHER.

We cannot conceive of any way in which a little space in a newspaper can be more profitably used than in exposing the dangerous effects of the cigarette habit. Our experience has been that once a boy has contracted this habit he is incapable of learning anything. His memory and his reasoning power are alike clouded if not entirely destroyed. He becomes dopy as if under the influence of an opiate and no doubt his brain becomes muddled by the poison inhaled in smoking these noxious substitutes for cigars. The cases in which the cigarette habit has driven boys to an early grave, sometimes by a collapse of the whole nervous system because of the injury to the brain, sometimes by self-destruction are too numerous to mention. The cigarette habit is contracted at the start as a mere amusement. The cigarette is taken up by a boy who smokes it because he sees other boys smoking. One follows another until an appetite is created for the continuous use of cigarettes. Then the boy finds a means of satisfying his appetite even if he has to steal the money with which to buy the cigarettes. At first the effect may not be very noticeable, but it will soon become apparent in the nervous twitches of the hands, the pallor of the face, the weakness of the body and the total paralysis of the will power. The youth addicted to the cigarette habit has no will or mind of his own, he drifts along subject to every passing influence, but doing nothing of his own volition or as a result of his own active will power except to procure cigarettes.

Perhaps the worst feature about this habit is that the people in general do not realize how injurious it is to boys, and the younger the boys, the more serious the danger. In many offices the use of cigarettes by small boys is overlooked or connived at by the adults until the urchins become so inured to the custom that they are utterly unable to stop it. The cigarette habit in boys is quite as hard to overcome as the drink habit in men, and it is even more injurious. No business man can safely keep cigarette fiends in his employ because they are wholly unreliable, dangerous and liable to steal if they cannot get all the cigarettes they want in any other way. If boys find that they cannot secure employment if they use cigarettes they might not be so ready to start this vile habit.

But there is a law forbidding stores to sell cigarettes to minors. Let the parents of children who use cigarettes find where they get the vile weeds and prosecute those who sell to them. We do not remember a case of conviction for violation of this law, although it is violated every day in the week and in every part of the city. Boys or girls not ten years old buy cigarettes at two for a cent without having any reason to think that the law forbids storekeepers to sell to them. If the agent for the humane society looked after the offenders against this law he might easily secure the support of the entire community in bringing the offenders to justice.

AS TO POLICE PENSIONS.

There are two sides to the acceptance of the police pension act. The superintendent of police as well as the officers will undoubtedly show plausible reasons for the adoption of the act. They will show that police officers are in danger of being killed in the ordinary exercise of their duty and that like soldiers they should get a pension especially when they grow old in the service. They sometimes get rather close to dangerous characters, but they are well armed and are in the habit of looking out for their own safety first. The experience of Officer Healey, Lieut. Brosnan and Officer Walsh counts to but few officers. If the accidents in the fire department are compared with those in the police department the percentage in the former will be almost as great as in the latter. Firemen are fully as deserving of pensions as are policemen, but the latter have more of a pull.

If the police are retired on half pay at a certain age there is no reason why the same privilege should not be accorded to the regular firemen. Then the school teachers have as strong a claim for retirement with pensions as have either the police or the firemen. Their life work is second to none in importance and far-reaching effect. In other countries they are the first to be considered as eligible for pensions.

At the present juncture with the tax rate at $19.00, it is not in the line of economy or conservative business policy to grant pensions to any class of city employes and had Mayor Crowley vetoed the measure, he would have better served the interests of the community.

With so many lords in charge of the British forces, they may think they can lord it over the Boers, but Joubert and Kruger are more magical names than any borne by the lords of British aristocracy.

Next week, $170,000,000 is to be distributed in dividends by the New York banks. Perhaps it will increase the financial stringency which has already brought so many of them to the wall.

If the newspapers of Massachusetts said half as much about a murder trial as is printed daily by the New York papers, on the Molineux trial, they would be fined for contempt.

The British horses in South Africa are stricken with glanders and some of the commanders are stricken with something worse.

Had not the first Fenian raid upon Canada proved a fizzle, the present talk of another raid might not be ridiculed by the Kanucks.

Although California did not exactly pass through a collision, it has been pretty badly shaken up.

CRISP GOSSIP.

A party of young folks had arranged to hold a sleigh ride party on the night of New Year's day, but from present indications they will either have to postpone it or make the trip on wheels.

Did you notice what a broad smile the undertakers are carrying these days? Business in their line has been unusually large during the past week. One of the local undertakers has had eleven funerals during the last week. "How would you like ter be the undertaker?"

The conductors on the electric cars running to Lawrence earn their money these days.

Sunday evening is the time to break off all of your bad habits, such as smoking, going to Lawrence, spending money foolishly, staying out late nights, etc. Many people will make new resolutions on New Year's eve only to break them the following day.

There are very few of the Textile school students around the city this week. Most of them went home to spend the Christmas holidays with the old folks, many of the students going as far south as Louisiana.

It is amusing to go to the city library during the day and see the crowd of youngsters who are waiting to get juvenile books. I happened to have occasion to drop in there the other day and I saw fully a dozen youngsters in the corner where the subject cards for the juvenile books are kept. The favorite author with the boys is Horatio Alger, Jr. I heard one boy remark, "I've put in 11 slips for Alger's and I haven't got a book yet." Another said, "I've read seven books of the 'Ragged Dick Series' and I've been trying for the last book for about three months." Alger's books are in such big demand that a boy considers himself lucky when he gets one.

Then again, down stairs, in the reading room, you will see a boy sit in a chair patiently for half an hour waiting to get a look at Puck or Judge.

Basket ball is all the rage in this city this winter, but if the sporting fraternity saw a good game of roller polo, basket ball would have to take a rear seat.

Elias Hartz, aged 85, the goose-bone weather prophet of Reading, Pennsylvania, predicts the mildest winter on record.

"Sure of it," he said, "never surer of anything in my long life. The coming winter will be no winter at all. This year, to make things sure, I used the breastbones of three geese. The bones were all from geese of last spring. To my surprise, all were alike in color. I was not so surprised by that as I was to see them nearly all white. Only the slightest bit of purple could be seen on the tail ends of the bones. This purple indicates cold weather away off in March probably. All the rest of the bone was white, which shows beyond question that there will be no winter at all. The fact that the three bones indicate exactly the same thing might help convince people who take no stock in the goose bone weather sign, but one bone is enough for me. In the last 50 years in which I have made the annual test, the bone has never failed once. The weather has always come to pass as indicated by the goose bone. So you need not expect much snow or ice or cold weather until next March. The winter will be the mildest on record."

When you meet one of those cranks who maintain that the 20th century begins on Jan. 1, next, you want to ask him what year this is and he will reply 1899. What year will follow this, and he will answer 1900. When will it end? He will answer Dec. 31. How many centuries in 100 years? He will answer 19 and in the 19 years on Dec. 31, 1900, then the next century begins on the day following, which will be January 1, 1901.

The event of the season. Don't miss it. Court Mistletoe's grand ball, Friday evening, Dec. 29.

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NEW ORDINANCE

Relates to the Erection of Buildings

AS DRAWN UP BY COUNCILMAN BEAN

Will Come Before New City Council

AND WILL PROBABLY BE ENACTED

After Minor Changes Have Been Made

One of the most important ordinances ever proposed for the city of Lowell is that which Councilman Fred E. Bean of ward eight has proposed to this year's city council, entitled: An ordinance in relation to the construction, maintenance and inspection of buildings.

At a meeting of the city council recently held, Councilman Bean was instructed to report his ordinance in print, and he has done so. The measure must, now go over to the next city government because it was introduced too late for this year's members to take action upon it.

Councilman Bean is a practical carpenter, and those who have studied his ordinance say that his ideas are good. The ordinance undoubtedly will be amended somewhat before finally passing. In one section it provides a penalty of not less than $50, and not more than $100, which is in opposition to the provision Sec. 23 of the city charter which places the maximum limit of such penalty at $20. Excepting that it is said there is little to be criticised in the ordinance. The ordinance is a lengthy matter, but so much inquiry has been made concerning it that The Sun prints it in full, as follows:

ORDINANCE.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Lowell as follows:

Section 1. The superintendent of public buildings shall be an able and experienced architect, builder or mechanic. He shall have the sole charge of the construction, inspection and alteration, care and custody of all the public buildings of the city not constructed for or by any other special department, and shall supervise and direct the constructing of buildings of other departments whenever so requested by any such department. He shall receive such compensation for his services as the city council may from time to time determine.

Sec. 2. In the month of December of each year he shall present to the city council a written report showing the number and condition of all buildings under his care, and what repairs, in his opinion, may be needed upon each for the next twelve months, and the probable cost of such repairs.

Sec. 3. As often as practicable he shall examine and inspect the material, construction, alteration, repair and use of all buildings and other structures erected and in the process of erection, alteration or repair within the city limits, excepting such buildings and structures as are used and occupied by the United States or the commonwealth, and as far as may be necessary for the performance of his duties enter any such building or premises.

For other than department buildings and structures, he shall require plans and specifications or a description of any proposed erection, alteration or repair other than necessary repairs to be filed in his office and shall grant licenses for such erection or alteration and repairs other than necessary repairs when the plans, specifications or descriptions are so filed in conformity with the ordinances of the city and the laws of the commonwealth. He shall make a record of all violations of this ordinance, with the street and number where such violation occurred, the names of the owners, architect and master mechanics and all other matters relative thereto. He or his assistants shall examine all buildings reported dangerous or damaged by fire or accident, and make a record of such examination, stating the nature and amount of such damage, the name of the street and number of the building, the name of the owner and occupant, and the purpose for which it is occupied; he shall examine all buildings for which applications have been made for permits to raise, enlarge, alter, build upon or tear down and make a record of such examination. The record required by this section shall always be open to the inspection of any officers of the city.

Sec. 4. He shall have all the right and authority that the inspector of buildings now has, and that may hereafter be given and conferred by the laws of this commonwealth and ordinance of this city now and hereafter in force relating to the inspecting, constructing, use, occupation, alteration, repair and safety of buildings and structures within the limits of the city for the prevention of fires and protection of life, and shall cause the ordinances of the city and the statute laws of this commonwealth, now and hereafter in force with reference thereto to be strictly enforced. He may enter upon the premises wherein any fire has occurred and ascertain, if possible, the origin of the fire. He shall designate an assistant in his department as his deputy who, in the event of and during his temporary absence or disability shall have and exercise all the powers and authority of the superintendent.

Sec. 5. Every person before proceeding to build, erect, alter or repair in any way, except in making necessary repairs, any structure, building, except buildings of government of the United States or this commonwealth, shall first give written notice to the superintendent of his intention, with a plan of the structure or building proposed, the materials to be used, the number of the street, the precise location and the name of the owner or owners of the land; and shall obtain from the superintendent a written license so to do; and in all cases where any part of such structure, building, is nearer than five feet to the line of the street next adjacent thereto, he shall obtain free of expense from the city engineer if in the power of the latter to furnish the same, the lines and grades of the streets adjoining which he proposes to build, erect, alter or repair as aforesaid. The superintendent may also, before issuing a license as aforesaid, require the applicant to give seven days' notice in writing of the application to any and all persons whose interests the superintendent considers may be affected by the proposed work. All materials are to be of good quality for the purpose for which they are to be used and to conform to legal trade and manufacturer's standards, and be subject to the approval of the superintendent.

Sec. 6. No building more than one hundred and twenty-five feet in height above the grade of the street shall hereafter be erected in this city, provided, however, that this restriction shall not apply to spires of churches, steeples, domes, towers or cupolas erected for strictly ornamental purposes, and of fireproof material when so ordered by the superintendent.

Sec. 7. Every portion of every structure in process of construction, alteration, repair or removal, and every neighboring structure or portion thereof affected thereby, or by any excavation shall be properly constructed and sufficiently supported. The superintendent may take such measures as the public safety requires to carry this section into effect, and any expense so incurred may be recovered by the city from the owner of the defective structure.

Sec. 8. Every building of three or more stories in height within this city now or hereafter used in whole or in part, as a public building, public institution, school house, church, theatre, public hall, place of assemblage or place of public resort, and every such building in which ten or more persons are employed above the second story, in a factory, workhouse or mercantile or other establishment, and every hotel, family hotel, apartment house, boarding house, lodging house or tenement house within this city, the owner or lessee or occupant of which is notified in writing by the superintendent that the provisions of this section are deemed by him applicable thereto, shall be provided with proper way of egress or other means of escape from fire sufficient for the use of all persons accommodated, assembling, employed, lodging or residing in such building; and such ways of egress and means of escape shall be kept free from obstruction, in good repair and ready for use. Every room above the second story in any such building in which ten or more persons are employed shall be provided, if the superintendent shall so direct in writing, with more than one way of egress by stairways on the inside or outside of the building, placed as near as practicable at the opposite ends of the building; stairways on the outside of the building shall have suitable railed landings at each story above the first, and shall connect with each story by door or windows and such landing, door and windows shall be kept clear of ice and snow and other obstructions.

No persons shall be employed in a factory, workshop or mercantile or other establishment in a room above the second story from which there is only one way of egress if said superintendent shall so direct in writing. All doors and windows in any building subject to the provisions of this section shall open outwardly, if the superintendent shall so direct in writing. No portable seats or other obstruction shall be allowed in the aisles or passageways of such buildings during any services or entertainment held therein.

The proscenium or curtain opening of all theatres shall have a fire-resisting curtain of some incombustible material and such curtain shall be properly constructed and shall be operated by proper mechanism; the certificate of the superintendent shall be conclusive evidence of a compliance with such requirements.

Sec. 9. Every hotel, family hotel, apartment house, boarding house, lodging house, or tenement house [illegible] erected more than two stories high from the level of the street shall be provided with two stairways placed in such a manner at opposite sides or ends of the building that the inmates shall have easy means of egress at all times; said stairways to lead from each story, and all halls leading from front to rear shall be provided with doors so as to form a fire and smoke stop.

Sec. 10. Every building hereafter built, and every building occupied by more than one family, shall have, according to its height, condition, construction, surroundings, character of occupation, and number of occupants, one or more safe means of egress in case of fire as the superintendent may direct.

Sec. 11. Every schoolhouse two stories or more high, every church, theatre, public building, hall, place of assembly, every building occupied above the second story by two or more families, or as a tenement, boarding, lodging house, or as a factory or workshop, where ten or more persons are employed, shall have at least two independent ways of egress, each accessible from each apartment, and one of which shall be enclosed in brick walls shall have no interior openings other than the doors of the apartments, from which it is an exit, and shall be provided with a ventilating skylight which can be operated from the lower hall.

All ways of egress from every building shall be kept in good repair. No obstruction shall be placed upon any ways of egress from any building. Provided, however, with the approval of the superintendent such stairways may be constructed as hereafter provided in Section 25.

Sec. 12. Any owner or lessee responsible for the condition of a building shall be entitled to a certificate, or if the original has been issued, an exhibition of the duplicate thereof on the superintendent's records, to the effect that such building is provided with safe means of egress, if and whenever such is the case in the superintendent's opinion. Any tenant of, or person employed in, any private building, and in the case of any public building or public school, any citizen of Lowell shall be entitled to an exhibition of the superintendent's record and, if no certificate has been issued, may apply to have a certificate issued for such building.

Sec. 13. In case of any building subject to Sections eight, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen and twenty, of this ordinance, is owned, leased or occupied, jointly or in severalty by different persons, any one of such persons shall have the right to apply to any part of the outside of such building and to sustain from any part of the outside wall thereof, any way of egress or means of escape from fire specified and described by the superintendent, notwithstanding the objection of any such owner, lessee, or occupant, and any such way of egress or means of escape may project over the highway.

Sec. 14. The platform, landings and steps of every fire escape shall be strong enough to carry a load of seventy pound to the square foot in addition to the weight of material.

Sec. 15. In this city no building three or more stories in height designed to be used, in whole or part, as a public building, public or private institution, church, theatre, public hall, place of assemblage or place of public resort, and no building more than two stories in height designed to be used above the second story, in whole or in part, as a factory, workshop or mercantile or other establishment, and having accommodations for ten or more employes above said story, and no building more than two stories in height designed to be used above the second story, in whole or part, as a hotel, a family hotel, apartment house, boarding house, lodging house or tenement house, and having ten or more rooms above said story, shall hereafter be erected until a copy of the plans of such building has been deposited with the superintendent by the person causing the erection or construction of such building or by the architect who has drawn the plans, which plans shall include therein the system or method of ventilation provided for such building, together with a copy of such portion of the specifications of such building as the superintendent may require, nor shall any such building be so erected without the provision of sufficient ways of egress and other means of escape from fire properly located and constructed. The certificate of the superintendent endorsed with the approval of the chief of the fire department shall be conclusive evidence of a compliance with the provisions of this ordinance; provided, that after the granting of such certificate no change is made in the plans or specifications of the ways and means of escape, unless a new certificate is obtained therefor. The superintendent may require that proper fire stops shall be provided in the floors, walls and partitions of such buildings, and may make such further requirements as may be necessary or proper to prevent the spread of fire therein, or its communication from any steam boiler or heating apparatus; and no pipe for conveying hot air or steam in such building shall be placed nearer than one inch to any woodwork, unless protected to the satisfaction of the superintendent by suitable guards or castings of incombustible material, and no wood flue or air duct for heating or ventilating shall be placed in any such building.

Sec. 16. Any persons erecting or constructing a building, or any architect or other person, who shall draw plans or specifications or superintend the erection or construction of a building in violation of the two preceding provisions of this ordinance, shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than one thousand dollars, and may also be enjoined, as otherwise provided by statute at the instance of the superintendent.

Sec. 17. It shall be the duty of the superintendent to examine from time to time all buildings subject to the provisions of sections eight and fifteen of this ordinance. In case any such building conforms, in the judgment of the superintendent, to the requirement of this ordinance, he shall issue to the owner, lessee or occupant of such building or of any portion thereof, used as above mentioned in sections eight and fifteen of this ordinance, a certificate to that effect, specifying the number of persons for whom the ways of egress and means of escape in case of fire are deemed to be sufficient; such certificate shall be conclusive evidence as long as it continues in force, of the compliance on the part of the person to whom it is issued, with the provisions of this ordinance. But such certificates shall be of no effect in case a greater number of persons than therein specified are accommodated or employed or assembled, lodged, or reside within such building or portion thereof, or in case such building is used for any purposes materially different from those for which it was used at the time of the granting thereof or in case the internal arrangements of any such building are materially altered or in case any ways, egress or means of escape from fire existing in such building at the time of such granting are stopped up; rendered unavailable or materially changed; and in no case shall such certificate continue in force more than five years from its date.

Such certificate may be revoked by the superintendent at any time upon written notice to the person holding the same or occupying the premises for which it was granted, and shall be so revoked whenever in his opinion any conditions or circumstances have so changed that the existing ways of egress or means of escape are no longer proper and sufficient. A copy of the said certificate shall be kept posted in a conspicuous place upon every floor of such building by the person occupying the premises covered thereby.

Sec. 18. Upon an application being made to the superintendent for the granting of a certificate under Sections fifteen and seventeen of this ordinance he shall issue to the person making the application a notice that the certificate has been applied for and pending the granting or refusal of such certificate, said acknowledgment shall have for a period of ninety days the same effect as such certificate and such acknowledgment may be renewed by the superintendent with the same effect for a further period not exceeding ninety days and may be further renewed by the chief of the fire department until such time as such certificate shall be granted or refused.

Sec. 19. In case any change is made in any premises for which a certificate has been issued under this ordinance, whether in the use thereof or otherwise it shall be the duty of the person making the same to give written notice thereof forthwith to the superintendent and to the chief of the fire department.

Sec. 20. In case any building or portion thereof, subject to sections eight, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen and nineteen of this ordinance is found by the superintendent to fail to conform thereto or in case any change is made in such building or portion thereto, such as terminates the effect of a certificate formerly granted therefor as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the superintendent to give notice in writing, specifying and describing what additional ways of egress or means of escape from fire are necessary, in the opinion of the superintendent in order to conform to said provisions of this ordinance and to secure the granting of a certificate as aforesaid. Notice to any agent of such owner, lessee or occupant in charge of the premises shall be sufficient notice under this section to such owner, lessee or occupant.

Sec. 21. When a license is required by law or municipal ordinance, in order to authorize any premises to be used for any purpose mentioned in section eight, no license for such purpose shall be granted until a certificate for such building or portion thereof shall first have been obtained from the superintendent as above provided and no such license hereafter issued shall continue in force any longer than such certificate remains in force.

Sec. 22.—All frame or wooden buildings exceeding a height of fifteen feet from underpinning shall be built with sills, posts, girts, plates and rafters, all of suitable size and mortised, tenoned, braced and pinned and with suitable studs not less than two inches by four inches, to space not more than sixteen inches on centres, and if the building exceeds four hundred feet in area, the posts and girts shall not be less than four inches by eight inches. Floor timbers shall not be less than two inches by six inches.

Sec. 23.—No ledger boards shall be used in place of girts in any building where the posts exceed fifteen feet in height; and all openings at floors, whether caused by ledger boards, floor joists laid upon girts, or floor joists protecting above sills, shall be stopped by joists not less than two inches thick fitted tightly between the studs.

Sec. 24. In all buildings hereafter erected or altered in whole or in part, in which lathing and plastering is to be done in which fire stops are required or gas pipes and meters are to be placed, the owner and builder thereof, shall, before proceeding to lath, plaster, place fire stops, gas pipes or meters therein give written notice to the superintendent that the premises are ready for inspection. Whenever such inspection is found to be satisfactory to the superintendent, the latter shall forthwith issue to the owner or builder a license to lath and plaster and locate fire stops, gas pipes and all such work shall be done in strict conformity with the terms of such license.

Gas piping shall also be done in accordance with the terms and conditions named in section forty-nine.

Sec. 25. In every wooden building in which two or more families reside on the same floor there shall be a partition wall of brick or incombustible material satisfactory to the superintendent, dividing each apartment; if of brick, to be not less than eight inches thick, built up to the underside of the roof covering and the said covering laid and embedded in mortar upon the walls or built up twelve inches above the roof and covered with metallic covering or where said wall is not carried above the roof there shall be placed on each side of said wall a rafter which shall be filled in solidly with mortar between said walls and rafters, providing openings in party or partition walls may be made for the purpose of stairways in which case all partitions around such opening shall be brick-nogged, and all such portions shall be lathed on both sides with metal or wire lathing and plastered, and all door openings in such partitions shall be furnished with metal covered doors satisfactory to the superintendent. The soffit of all such stairways shall be lathed with metal or wire lathing.

Sec. 26. The exterior of every building hereafter erected for or converted to use as a tenement or lodging house and not having an exposure or an open space, street, court or passageway more than twenty feet in width, shall not exceed thirty feet in height.

Sec. 27. All buildings except single dwellings more than two stories shall have permanent means of access to the roof from the inside. The opening for the same shall not be less than eighteen by thirty inches.

Sec. 28. In the erection or alteration of any building, the material of which in whole or part is other than brick, stone or wood, the thickness of walls of such material and the method of construction shall be such as the superintendent shall approve.

Sec. 29.—Every wooden building hereafter erected shall be not more than three stories in height from the grade of the street or place upon which it is to be erected, nor any part thereof be less than one foot six inches from the line of any adjoining lot nor if there is a building on the adjoining lot, be nearer than three feet to such building without the intervention of a brick wall or other incombustible material satisfactory to the superintendent.

Sec. 30. All elevator wells and light shafts in buildings more than two stories high, unless built of brick shall be filled in between studs with fireproof material and lined with metal or plastered on metallic lathing as may be directed by the superintendent.

Sec. 31. All roof or floor timbers entering the same party wall from opposite sides shall have at least four inches solid brickwork between the ends of said timbers.

Sec. 32. The ends of all wooden floor or roof beams shall enter the wall to a depth of at least four inches, unless the wall is properly corbelled so as to give a bearing of at least four inches, and the ends of all such beams shall be so shaped or arranged that in case of fire they may fall without injury to the wall.

Sec. 33. The ends of all floor beams and rafters of a brick building entering a wall shall be cut on a splay of three inches in their width.

Sec. 34.—No floor timbers, header or trimmer of a brick building shall be cut into more than two inches in depth for piping without a license from the superintendent and no cutting shall be made in any timber at a greater distance than three feet from its support.

Sec. 35. All brick chimney flues shall be smoothly plastered inside with mortar from top to bottom during the course of construction, and also outside below the roofing, after having been examined and approved by the superintendent except that exposed portion of said chimney when the walls of the flues are eight inches thick, may be left unplastered upon the outside. All chimneys shall be topped out at least four feet above the highest point of contact with the roof with brick or stones laid in cement, and the topping out shall not have more than a two-inch projection unless the bricks are covered by a cap or stone or other non-combustible material in one piece, properly secured and approved by the superintendent; and in no case shall a nail be driven into the masonry of a flue.

Sec. 36.—No woodwork of any kind except the roof covering shall be placed at a less distance than one inch from the outside of the brickwork of any flue. No woodwork shall be placed at a less distance than one inch from any tin or other metal flue or pipe used or intended to be used to convey heated air, hot water or steam in any building, unless such flue or pipe be cased with a metal sleeve of one inch larger diameter than said flue or pipe, so as to permit a free circulation of air all around the same. No part of any floor timber shall be within less than two inches of any chimney. No studding or furring shall be within less than one inch of any chimney.

Sec. 37.—No smoke pipe shall project through any external wall or window. No smoke pipe shall pass through any wooden partition without a soapstone ring of the thickness of the partition and extending four inches from the pipe or a double metal collar of the thickness of the partition with a ventilated air space of not less than four inches around the pipe; nor shall be placed within eight inches of any wood unless such wood is plastered and protected by a metal shield two inches distant from the wood, in which case the smoke pipe shall be not less than six inches from the wood.

Sec. 38. Every story above the second of a building subject to the provisions of section eight of this ordinance shall be supplied with means of extinguishing fire consisting of a hose attached to a suitable water supply, and capable of reaching any part of the story; and such means of extinguishing fire shall be kept at all times ready for use and in good condition.

Sec. 39. No wooden flue or air ducts for heating or ventilating purposes shall hereafter be placed in any building subject to the provisions of section eight of this ordinance and no pipe for conveying hot air or steam in such building shall be placed or remain placed, nearer than one inch to any wood work, unless protected to the satisfaction of the superintendent by suitable guards, or castings of incombustible material.

Sec. 40. The inside of all furred brick walls of every building hereafter erected shall have a fire belt or stop, composed of the same fire proof material, at least six inches wide and thoroughly set up between furring at the top and bottom of each floor and in each story, in which stud walls or partitions; said studs, walls and partitions shall have spaces between the floor joists immediately under such walls, or partitions and between studs from the undersides of said floor joist, to a line six inches above the tops of said joists, filled solid and flush with the plastering on both sides with the mortar, cement, plaster, or other incombustible material; and if such studs or partitions shall rest upon solid timber or joist for the whole length thereof, such filling as above described, shall be placed from the top of such timber or joist to the same height as above specified; or a strip of tin or galvanized iron, at least one inch wider than the width of said studding and continuing under the footing of said wall or partitions, may be substituted for the filling above specified, where there is no partition or wall beneath. The exterior and interior walls of all wooden buildings hereafter erected shall have the space between the studding at the top and bottom of each story divided or separated by a fire stop, so as to check effectually the draft from one story to another and from the vertical spaces in the walls to the horizontal passages between the floor timbers. The spaces between stringers or carriages of all wooden staircases, unless said stringers or carriages are left exposed, shall be exposed at intervals not exceeding three feet by substantial stops.

Sec. 41. The various forms of construction tending to create or form air passages from one story to another, such as spaces around pipes, ventilating shafts, or chimneys furred off to form breast, in every building hereafter erected or altered, shall have a fire and smoke stop at each floor, approved by the superintendent, which fire and smoke stop in all brick buildings shall be of incombustible material.

Sec. 42. Elevators or hoists for freight which do not pass the ceiling of the first story, may be constructed without fireproof enclosures above the basement. In existing buildings or in buildings hereafter erected in compliance with this ordinance, freight and passenger elevators without fireproof enclosures may be placed in areas of hallways, which are continuous and unbroken, no part being separated from another part by an intervening floor; provided, that no additional draft of air is thereby created. In such building, such elevators may pass through the first floor of any area or hallway; provided, if fireproof enclosure be carried up to the first floor. Except as above provided, all shafts hereafter built for elevators, hoists, dumb waiters, light and ventilating shafts or other air ducts, shall be constructed of, and if they do not pass the upper floor their tops shall be covered with some substantial material not inflammable. All such shafts which pass the top floor shall be carried at least eighteen inches above the roof and be covered with a skylight. Such shafts already constructed, except flues twenty-eight inches square or of less area, and except in dwelling houses to be occupied by not more than one family, shall be lined with tin or plastered on wire lathing, or otherwise rendered non-inflammable on the inside.

Sec. 43. No elevator shall be used in any building until after written approval by the superintendent.

Sec. 44. In case any freight or passenger elevator is not constructed and furnished in compliance with this ordinance or has become unsafe, the superintendent shall post a conspicuous warning and prohibition at each entrance to such elevator. It shall thereafter, until a new written license is given by the superintendent, be a penal offence hereunder to operate said elevator, or remove or deface said notice. No freight or passenger elevator shall be operated for more than six months after the date of the superintendent's license, unless a certificate signed by some elevator builder that the elevator is safe and in good order, has been furnished within six months, and is posted in the car or at the entrance.

Sec. 45. Every room in every tenement or lodging house hereafter built, and in every building hereafter altered to be used as such, shall be not less than eight feet in height in the clear in every story, except in the attic it may be less than eight feet high for one half the area of the room. Every such room shall have one or more windows on an open air space with an area at least one-tenth as great as that of the room. The top of at least one window on such air space in each room shall be at least seven feet six inches from the floor, and the upper sash of the same window shall be movable.

Sec. 46. No building of which any part is used for storage or sale of hay, straw, hemp, flax, shaving, burning fluid, turpentine, camphene, or any inflammable oil, or other highly combustible substance shall be occupied in any part as a dwelling, tenement or lodging house, except that rooms for coachmen or grooms may be allowed in private stables.

Sec. 47. All stationary receptacles in a building for ashes, waste and other substances, liable by spontaneous combustion, or otherwise, to cause a fire in a building, shall be made of incombustible material.

Sec. 48. Every dwelling, tenement or lodging house, every schoolhouse, and every building where operatives are employed shall have at least one water closet or privy, and if more than twenty persons therein live, attend or are employed, there shall be an additional water closet or privy for every twenty persons or fraction thereof; and in buildings where operatives of both sexes are employed separate accommodations shall be furnished for men and women. Privies or cesspools shall not be allowed where a sewer makes a water closet practicable. Every water closet in every building hereafter erected for or converted to use as a tenement house, family hotel, or apartment house, shall have a window opening to the outer air.

Sec. 49. All gas piping shall be done in accordance with the following scale:

Sizes of Tubings	Greatest length allowed	Greatest no. of Burners
½ in.	20 ft.	6 burners
¾ in.	35 ft.	3 burners
⅝ in.	50 ft.	20 burners
1 in.	70 ft.	35 burners
1¼ in.	100 ft.	60 burners
1½ in.	150 ft.	100 burners
2 in.	200 ft.	200 burners

No greater length of pipe of each size shall be allowed than that specified in the scale; and no more burners shall be taken from any size than the number stated, even if the length of pipe is diminished.

No deviation from the above shall be allowed, except in certain cases (as for instance, stables, or cellars where a small number of burners are to be used in a large space) upon the written approval of the superintendent. No work shall be approved in which copper pipe is used.

No cement shall be allowed in any joints or upon any fittings.

No black varnished pipes shall be allowed. Where the construction of the building will permit, all piping running under the floor of the building shall be laid on the top of the floor timbers. In all cases the rising pipe shall be left projecting below the floor timbers at least three inches, and with threaded end.

Sec. 50. In this ordinance the following terms have the meaning respectively assigned to them:

"Alteration" means any change or addition.

"Apartment house" means a house divided up into sets or suites of rooms.

"Cellar or basement" means the space or spaces below the level of the bottom floor timbers of the first story.

"Chimney" shall apply to any permanent or fixed flues or passage built into any building for conveying away the products of combustion from furnaces, stoves, ranges or other fireplaces.

"External walls," shall apply to that part of the outer wall of a building other than a party wall, above and other than the foundation wall.

"Foundation wall" means that portion of wall below the level of street curb, and where the wall is not on a street, that portion of the wall below the level of the highest ground next to the wall, but, if under party or partition walls, may be construed by the superintendent to mean that below the cellar floor.

"Family hotel" means a hotel arranged more especially for the convenience and comfort of families.

"Height of a building" means the vertical distance of the highest point of the roof above the highest grade of the street or ground at the principal point of the building, provided said grade of the ground is not below the grade of the street at said point.

"Lodging house" means a building in which persons are accommodated with sleeping apartments and includes hotel and apartment houses where cooking is not done in the several apartments.

"Party wall" means every wall used, or built in order to be used, as a separation of two or more buildings.

"Partition walls" means any interior wall of masonry in a building.

"Public building" means any building or premises used as a place of public entertainment, institution, resort or assemblage.

"Repairs" means the reconstruction or renewal of any existing part of a building, or of its fixtures or appurtenances, by which its strength or fire risk is not affected or modified, and not made, in the opinion of the superintendent, for the purpose of converting the building in whole or in part to a new one.

"Schoolhouse" means any building or premises in which public or private instruction is afforded for not less than four pupils at one time.

"Story of a building" means the space between the level of the bottom of the floor timbers to the level of the bottom of the floor timbers next above or below and are numbered first, second, and so on, starting from the street grade.

"Superintendent" wherever used in this ordinance shall be construed to mean superintendent of public buildings.

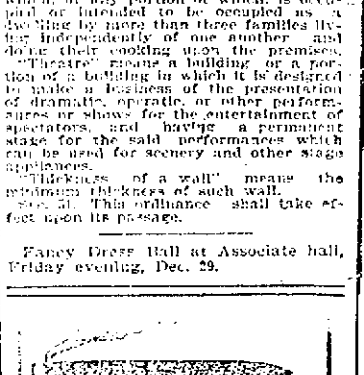
"Tenement house" means a building which, or any portion of which, is occupied or intended to be occupied as a dwelling by more than three families living independently of one another and doing their cooking upon the premises.

"Theatre" means a building or a portion of a building in which it is designed to make a business of the presentation of dramatic, operatic, or other performances or shows for the entertainment of spectators, and having a permanent stage for the said performances which can be used for scenery and other stage appliances.

"Thickness of a wall" means the minimum thickness of such wall.

Sec. 51. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Fancy Dress Ball at Associate hall, Friday evening, Dec. 29.



GALLINGER CASE

Will be Presented to the Grand Jury

MANY WITNESSES WERE SUMMONED

Report May be Made on Friday

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 27.—The United States court grand jury, which will consider the charges against Senator Jacob H. Gallinger of civil service law violation, began its deliberations in this city at 11 o'clock this morning. Not much progress has been made so far, and District Attorney Hamblett says it may be Friday noon before a report is made.

District Attorney Charles J. Hamblett will present the testimony to the jury. The witnesses he has summoned include Secretary of State Edward N. Pearson, William F. Thayer, treasurer of the state committee; Ira C. Evans and Thomas F. Clifford of Concord; Naval Officer James O. Lyford and Pension Examiner L. P. Hanson of Boston; Louis G. Hoyt of Kingston, secretary of the republican state committee; Colonel James A. Wood, collector of internal revenue, and Col. Rufus N. Elwell, collector of customs of Portsmouth; National Bank Examiner E. H. Carroll of Warner; Postmasters Knox of Manchester, Robinson of Concord, Welch of Laconia, Gilman of Laconia. Hon. Charles A. Busiel of Laconia; Jonathan Rand of Rye and others.

The case grows out of differences which have existed for some time among certain of the republican leaders in New Hampshire. The complainant is Hon Charles A. Busiel of Laconia, formerly governor of the state, who alleges that in the campaign of 1898, United States Senator Jacob H. Gallinger, chairman of the republican state committee, violated the civil service laws of the United States in permitting to be issued under a letterhead bearing his name, an appeal for funds for political purposes to persons holding office under the federal government. The charges have attracted considerable attention throughout the country, owing to the prominence of Dr. Gallinger, and the aid which has been accorded ex-Governor Busiel in pushing the case by Senator William E. Chandler.

The charges were made in 1898, and at first an attempt was made to include William F. Thayer, treasurer of the republican state committee, who is president of the First National bank of Concord, and considered by some authorities as a government official. But when the case was laid before the civil service commission at Washington the specific charges were made against Senator Gallinger. Commissioner Mark Brewer of the commission finally came to Concord and in July last a hearing was given, at which several lively passages took place between Mr. Brewer and Senator Chandler and between the latter and Senator Gallinger. At one time a collision between the two senators was prevented by friends. The result of the hearing was unsatisfactory to ex-Gov. Busiel and as a result he decided to lay the matter before the United States grand jury.

Ex-Gov. Busiel claims that Senator Gallinger was the direct means of securing between $30,000 and $35,000 from office holders by means of this circular. The senator, however, asserted that he did not issue the document, although he admitted it bore his name at the head of it as an officer of the state committee.

DISCHARGED MEN

Will be Heard by Arbitration Board Later

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BROCKTON, Mass., Dec. 27.—The state board of arbitration gave a hearing this forenoon in City Hall on the petition of the cutters recently discharged from the factory of R. B. Grover & Co., on the ground that they are no longer union men.

From information given at the hearing largely on the part of Judge W. A. Reed, who appeared for R. B. Grover & Co., Chairman Walcott stated that as far as he could see neither of the parties to the agreement were interested in arbitration of the matter, and there is the additional feature of a legal question arising which may take the matter out of the jurisdiction of the board entirely. It seemed to him that before more was done and in view of the fact that counsel for the cutters was unable to be present, the case might more properly come before the board through counsel, and the board consult with the attorney general as to its province in the matter.

It was left in this way, and Attorney Hosea Kingman for the cutters and Judge Reed for the firm will arrange to meet the board at some future time and present the case as they see it.

FLYING FOAM SUNK.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The British steamer Starlight, which arrived here December 25th, from Philadelphia, while bound in December 24th, collided with and sunk the schooner Flying Foam. No lives were lost.

REED WITHDRAWS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—It was announced today by Representative S. H. Reed of Taunton that he had withdrawn from the speakership race in favor of Frank P. Bennett of Saugus.

ROGER WILLIAMS

Rev. H. S. Burrage Discusses His Banishment

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The American Historical Association opened its annual meeting in the South Congregational church today. President James Ford Rhodes occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance. President Rhodes addressed the gathering, calling attention to a new gavel, presented to the association by Samuel Macauley Jackson of Boston. "The gavel," he said, "is made of five woods, four of which forming the head, consist of the maple of Connecticut, the ash of Pennsylvania, the red birch of New Hampshire, and the oak of New York state. The gold band, which is engraved, is from California. Upon the two silver bands are the words 'From Nevada.' The handle is made of the vermilion of Kentucky." In the name of the association President Rhodes thanked Mr. Jackson for the useful present.

In the unavoidable absence of Mayor Quincy, Rev. Edward Everett Hale spoke briefly for the city of Boston. "I am sure the city of Boston," said he, "will cordially welcome you, and more cordially than any other city, because we here feel the necessity of the proper working up of our own history."

The discussions of the morning, devoted to colonization, were then taken up. The first paper was by Prof. K. C. Bourne of Western Reserve University. He discussed "Some Difficulties of American Colonization."

At the afternoon session, Rev. H. S. Burrage of Portland, Me., delivered an address on "Why Was Roger Williams Banished?"

Dr. Burrage referred at some length to the proceedings connected with the banishment of Roger Williams, and called attention to the attempt of the late Rev. Dr. Henry M. Dexter, in his "As to Roger Williams" to show that the banishment of Mr. Williams "took place for reasons purely political and having no relation to his views upon toleration or upon any subject other than those which in their bearing upon the common rights of property, upon the sanctions of the oath, and upon due subordination to the powers that be in the state made him a subverter of the very foundations of the government—with all its worthiness of character and general soundness of doctrine—a nuisance which it seemed to them they had no alternative but to abate in some way safe to them and kindest to him.

"This position was strenuously combatted. It was not denied that the members of the general court in their banishment of Roger Williams were influenced by other considerations than his unyielding attitude with reference to soul liberty.

"Mr. Winthrop in his account of the proceedings of the court and Roger Williams himself, in his recital of the statement made by Governor Haynes in pronouncing the sentence of banishment, made it clear that other matters were before the court and doubtless did enter into its decision. But the very same testimony is equally valid proof that Mr. Williams' doctrine of soul liberty was also before the court. It was there in the form in which he held it all through his career. Nor is this all. It was expressly mentioned by Governor Haynes as one of the causes that led to the banishment.

"The only new document bearing upon this matter is that which records the action of the council of the Bay Colony in 1676, offering Roger Williams an asylum in some one of the Massachusetts towns during the Indian troubles.

"If, as Dr. Dexter says, the banishment was for reasons purely political and had no relation to Mr. Williams' notions upon toleration, it would seem that in the action of the council in 1676 we should find some indications of that fact. These are not to be found.

"The action of the Massachusetts council is delightful evidence of the kindly feeling that was entertained for Roger Williams by the leaders of the Puritan colony, and while it must have awakened memories that were not altogether pleasing it could hardly have failed to have reached and touched his heart."

COPPER DID IT

Bad Speculation Wrecked Boston Houses

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The announcement on the Boston stock exchange a few minutes after the opening this forenoon, of the embarrassment of E. C. Hodges & Co., bankers and brokers, in the Exchange building, 53 State street, was a surprise to many, although it was not altogether unexpected by some of the larger financial interests.

The suspension of this well known house, it is estimated, will bring the total of liabilities of concerns here which have failed within the past two weeks, close to $17,000,000. A few months ago such widespread troubles in the financial section of the city were not considered possible, as general business has been in better condition than for several years. A greater part of the difficulty is attributed to unfortunate speculation by men who before the crash, were wealthy, and to the embarrassment of the Globe National bank. This failure, it has appeared, was due partially at least, to the tremendous fall in United States copper and United States oil, and other securities.

The failed concerns include: Globe National bank, Broadway National bank, John P. Squire & Co. and allied firms, provision and pork packers; Joseph P. Squire & Co., provision; Francis Batchelder & Co., provisions; Dillaway & Starr, bankers and brokers; John P. Lovell Arms company, and John P. Lovell company, E. C. Hodges & Co., bankers and brokers.

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MASONIC TEMPLE

New Building in Boston Dedicated

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 27. The new Masonic Temple on Tremont street was dedicated at 2 o'clock this afternoon with the opening of the grand lodge. It has been customary on December 27 in past years to install the officers of the grand lodge, the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist. The hour usually set is 4 o'clock but owing to the lengthy program the consistory went into session at 2 o'clock. The dedicatory program was carried through in the Corinthian hall, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Charles C. Hutchinson, presiding. The oration was delivered by Samuel J. Elder of the Suffolk bar. The music for the occasion was a special program arranged by Grand Organist Howard M. Dow. The orchestral parts were played by a Masonic orchestra directed by Sir Thomas M. Carter.

The dedication was attended by the entire grand consistory with its retinue of officers, by leading officers of the Knights Templar and by high degree Masons from all parts of the country.

The new building which stands at the corner of Tremont and Boylston streets is of granite, nine stories in height and is the third to occupy the site. Both of the structures which previously stood there were burned. The exterior of the present temple in plain. There is a wide vestibule to the entrance on Boylston street, at either side of which is a niche containing marble columns. The entrance hall is 20 feet square. The floor is of mosaic and the walls of polished marble. The seal of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is set in the centre of the floor. Leading from this hall is the grand stairway, built entirely of white marble.

On the second floor is the "Fraternity Parlor," where Masons may chat and smoke. "Corinthian Hall," on the floor above is specially designed for meetings and is considered one of the finest of its kind in the country. It measures 85 by 16 feet, and is two stories high. The architecture is of pure corinthian order, the colors being ivory, gold and silver. On the north side is a fine organ and in the corners are statues of Faith, Hope and Charity and Wisdom, respectively, while portraits of Washington, Franklin, Lafayette and of about 40 grand masters hang on the walls.

Another beautiful chamber is "Gothic Hall," on the seventh floor, where entertainments will be held. The eighth and ninth floors are taken up by armories and rooms for the use of various masonic bodies.

A PROCLAMATION

Issued by Queen Victoria to Her Subjects

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The privy council held a meeting at Windsor Castle today at which Queen Victoria proclaimed a warning to all British subjects not to assist the inhabitants of the Transvaal or Orange Free State or to sell or transport merchandise thereto under penalty of the law. The proclamation was gazetted tonight.

THE HOUGH TRIAL

May Smith the Principal Witness

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 27.—The defense today finished its case in the trial of Joseph A. Hough for the alleged murder of Harry Chadwick. The state placed on the stand a number of witnesses in rebuttal, among them being Miss May Smith to whom Chadwick was engaged to be married.

Miss Smith vehemently denied the truth of statements made by Hough, the accused, in which the latter claimed that Miss Smith had encouraged him to murder Chadwick. Later, the young girl made a dramatic statement, when, in a loud voice, she said:

"As God is my witness there never was any relation between Hough and me I would be ashamed for the whole world to know."

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TWO MEN KILLED

In a Street Duel at Deposit

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Dec. 27.—In a street duel at Deposit today, two men were killed and a third fatally wounded. James Harden's throat was cut by his nephew, Jesse Harden. John C. Harden, a brother of the dead man, was seriously cut by Jesse Harden, and as the fight was drawing to a close, McRussell discharged a load of buck shot in the abdomen of Jesse Harden, causing death instantly. All the parties are well known and prominent in politics. The cause of the fight is not known.

TRAINS COLLIDE

ENGINE AND TEN CARS WERE DEMOLISHED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 27.—As a result of the collision of two freight trains and an engine at the South Worcester Junction station of the Boston and Albany and New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad today, an engine and ten freight cars were almost completely demolished. Traffic over both roads was blocked for several hours.

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THE B. & A. LEASE

Voted on by Stockholders Today

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—A special meeting of the stockholders of the Boston & Albany railroad, was held at the South Terminal station today to pass upon the proposed lease of the company's property to the New York Central railroad. Between 250 and 300 stockholders were present. President William Bliss, Secretary Hayden and Chief Counsel Samuel Hoar were among the first to appear. The meeting was called to order at 11.30 by President Bliss. Mr. Hoar at once moved that the contract entered into by the directors for the lease of the road to the New York Central, on terms already known, be approved and adopted. A stir followed when it appeared that only "yes" ballots had been distributed and calls were made for "No" votes. It appeared that no "No" ballots had been prepared. This led to accusations of unfairness against the management and a motion was made to adjourn until "No" ballots could be printed.

Mr. Hoar opposed the motion, defending the management.

Mr. Hoar said it was perfectly simple for a person who had to write his name on the ballot and the number of shares he represented, to strike out the word "Yes," and write "No" instead. The speaker said he would volunteer to write it for any stockholder.

The motion to print negative ballots was withdrawn after Mr. Hoar had finished. Mr. Hoar then moved that the stockholders pass a motion of thanks to Mr. Sargent for the sagacity, courage and devotion which he has shown on behalf of the stockholders in the lease matter. The motion was carried.

The ballot on the question of the lease was then taken.

A large bundle of proxies in opposition to the lease was handed in by Bryant and Mr. Hoar for the directors, and the protective committee passed in a much larger bundle. It is understood that Mr. Bryant's proxies covered only about 15,000 shares, while those of the directors of the protective committee were estimated to cover 125,000 shares. After the ballots had been cast, a recess was taken until 4 o'clock this afternoon, at which time a report from the tellers is expected.

UNKNOWN PERSON

DROWNED IN LAKE CHAUBUNA IN WEBSTER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WEBSTER, Mass., Dec. 25.—An unknown person was drowned in Lake Chaubuna-gungamaug yesterday afternoon. He was seen to venture out on the thin ice for about a hundred yards and then disappear beneath the surface. There is no clue to the person's identity, and whether the act was intentional is not known. Maurice P. Clare, chairman of the board of selectmen, has ordered that the lake be dragged tomorrow, when it is thought the body and something to clear up the mystery will be found.

Wrinkles Come

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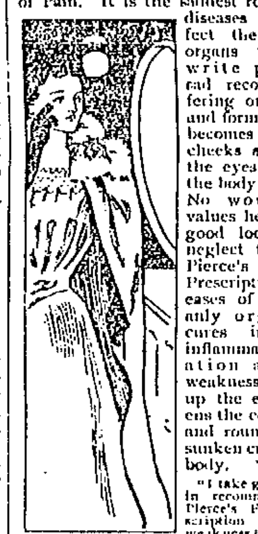

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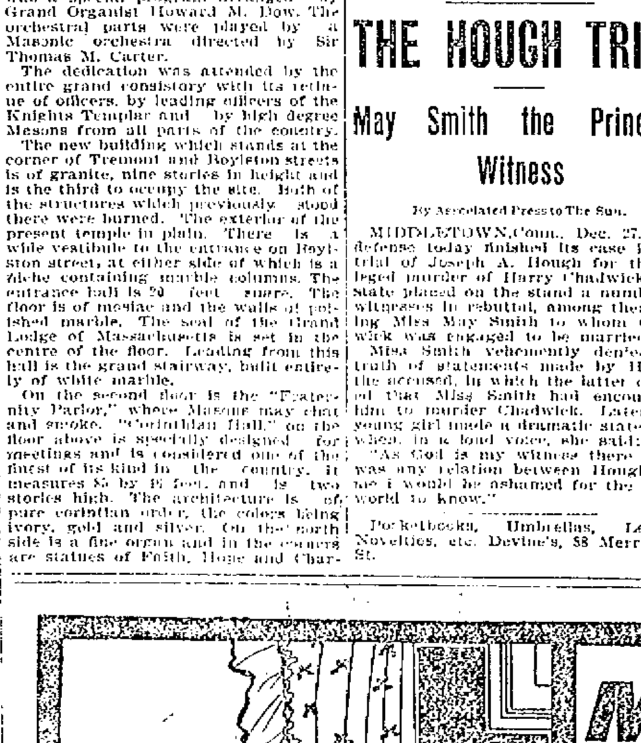

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New York.—There is much that is new in fashion's world.

The tailor made dress little resembles the simple creation which was known under that name when the tailor made gown first came in vogue. The tailor gown of that day was so severe as to be unbecoming to any but the ideal figure and so close fitting as to require the hand of an artist modiste to fit it. None but men could fit the tailor-made gowns, for they required that squareness of shoulder and absolute flatness of back which only the man fitter had learned.

But that day has changed. The tailor-made gown has lost its simplicity. It is just as well fitted, but women have learned the art of doing it; and there are becoming lines of trimming and many folds to relieve the fearfully hard outlines.

The tailor-made, as you know, was until very recently all of one color. Now it has bright bits introduced in the shape of folds, vests, beltings and stocks.

But the tailor made gown is still characteristic and unmistakable. You can tell it at a glance by its set, its finish, its trim look, the peculiar quality which the English call "tit" and which the French style "chic."

A woolen poplin with flat ribs illustrates this. It is of rich royal brown, not lustrous, but very beautiful and substantial-looking for winter. It is one of those delightful new fabrics which are suitable for street wear.

MUCH STITCHING.

Stitching, by the way, is one of the distinctive features of a tailor-made gown. It is not at all expensive but requires the most exquisite exactness. Your silk must be of the sort that positively will not break or knot. The tension of your machine must be set with a rather long stitch; and when you once begin you must carry your stitching straight along, without a break or flaw. English tailors mark the goods with chalk, in a mathematically straight line, never basting it for fear of catching the basting stitches. They use very lustrous silk thread exactly matching the goods and they employ never less than three rows of stitching to mark a hem or seam. Stitching is almost the only trimming they use upon the most severe of their spring and fall gowns, but they use it so plentifully that it looks like a band of goods.

Stitched bands are very popular and very easy to do. You cut your goods in strips and stitch them in many rows, until you have a stiffly stitched band, anywhere from half an inch to an inch and a half wide. This you use to strap your seams and to trim your vests and cuffs and collar. It makes a beautiful trimming for the seams of your bodice and is an excellent finish wherever you choose to place it. Yards and yards of these stitched bands are used upon the skirts and waists of the new tailor-made dresses.

The woolen poplin was trimmed around the foot in skaters' style. The skater's skirt has usually a heavy band to give it weight and swing. It is almost essential that it should be finished in this way or it will fill like a balloon and prove ungraceful.

There come fur cloths for this purpose which are light and almost as serviceable as fur; they are much less expensive and hold their color very well. The astrachan cloth is an example; then there is the dark coney and the black boucle which comes as fine and curly as astrachan. This material makes a very pretty border and can be used in all widths, for skirt trimmings, for cuff trimming and for the bands upon the long skating coat.

DIFFERENT JACKETS.

For a jacket the woolen poplin may have a Scotch mixed whipcord, which is decidedly new. It looks like a man's suiting. It is heavy and crossed many times with whipcords of different colors. This makes a very good winter coat to wear with the plain skirt. Tailor-made jackets, by the way, do not always match the skirt; they sometimes merely harmonize.

The belt is an essential part of the tailor made suit. Take any half long jacket and belt it with a wide band of velvet and you have almost the same results as though you had bought an expensive new belted jacket from Paris.

A clever trick was practiced by a New York girl who had more taste and skill than money. She lives near Central Park and she is getting ready for the skating season. In her wardrobe was a bodice of last year's make without basques. She took this bodice and fitted to the front of it a broad pointed plastron, of the shape known as cuirass. It was broad at the neck and pointed at the belt line. It was made of velvet. The bodice was hooked underneath the cuirass front and the plastron was fastened over it. Of course there was a soft belt of velvet at the waist.

The most eccentric bodices are worn with tailor-made gowns. Bodice pieces are very fashionable. A set of them consists of plastron, lapels, cuffs and collar; and they may be of the same material as the dress or of a contrasting kind.

You see bodice pieces of velvet, of fur, and of silk, variously lined, and of the plain black materials, such as cashmere and poplin, as well as broadcloth and ladies' cloth.

Tailor made dresses have another characteristic. Their fur trimmings are put on eccentrically. Instead of the regulation bands there are bodice pieces of fur also, one of the dressiest of these being a sort of bolero arrangement. The fur is brought around the front seams under the arms in such a way as to look like a bolero. It may be arranged upon a little bolero which is put on separately, or the fur may be simply a way of decorating the tailor-made bodice.

While we are admiring the long coats, such as the automobile, which touches the ground, and the long English box, which is loose and comes to the knees, there is another coat which is gradually creeping upon us and which is very becoming to the figure. This is the cutaway coat. It is tight fitting at the belt and is cut away below the belt in the front, gradually rounding toward the back into coat tails which may or may not be separated. Tailors use almost the identical lines of a man's cutaway coat, fitting it in close to the back, the sides and the front, and cutting it away below the belt line.

There is this to be said for the cutaway. It is very graceful. It adds length to the figure and there is a style about it that is unmistakable.

A BORDER SEASON.

All the tailor-made gowns show a border. This is a border season. It may be only a broad band of stitching to border the jacket. For jacket borders there are sometimes as many as fifteen rows of the stitching in white or in a contrasting color; or the jacket border may be of fur. For such outdoor occasions as skating and winter golf there is nothing as decorative as the fur border, even though it be very narrow.

Vests, boleros and panels are made, or as the modistes say, "developed," from the new French textures. One of these is a crepon with a silk stripe of a contrasting color. Another is a silk, with an odd crepon stripe in it. But you will generally find that the plain colors and standard materials make the best trimmings. Never forget that poplin is a winter material as well as a summer one. In the dark colors, such as bottle green, dark china blue, royal brown and garnet it is perfect.

Since so great a fascination lingers around the word "new," it may be mentioned that there are several new things. A silver fox boa may be new to many when arranged with the head and two feet at one end, the tail and two bushy feet forming the other end. This is expensive but pretty. Another novelty in furs is the fur toque—they used to call them fur caps! The toque has a soft crown caught at irregular intervals; and at one side there is an immense chiffon or tulle rosette, standing very smart and high. To keep the tulle or chiffon in shape this weather there is a lining of silk muslin.

In furs there is another new wrinkle. Old fur coats are made very serviceable by the additions of velvet cuffs, a velvet collar, revers of velvet and sometimes a band of velvet down the front and around the bottom. Take stock of your old fur coat and see how abundantly this would renew it.

Fur muffs show vagaries. A fur muff is trimmed at one side with a very large bunch of tulle loops from which hangs a bunch of short tulls.

They also make muffs entirely of chiffon, four different shades being used. A bunch of tulis will give the exquisite fur finish.

Helen Hard.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS AND GOOD THINGS.

What to Eat at This Very Delightful Season When all the Arts of the Housewife are Taxed to Supply Variety.

CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Raw Oysters.
Bouillon.
Boiled Salmon, Hollandaise Sauce.
Pickles. Boiled Potato Balls.
Salted Almonds.
Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce.
Celery. Mashed Potatoes.
Scalloped Asparagus. Chicken Pie.
Kirsch Punch.
Roast Duck. Currant Jelly.
Sweet Potato Croquettes.
Lettuce Salad. Sweetbreads.
Plum Pudding, Brandy Sauce.
Mince Pie. Apple Pie. Cheese.
Ice Cream. Cake.
Nuts. Raisins. Fruit.
Coffee.

CHRISTMAS BALLS.

For these take some good mincemeat, and with well floured hands roll this into balls, using an egg to bind the mixture, then brush over with beaten egg, and roll the balls in crushed ratafias and chopped almonds, and fry in plenty of hot fat; drain and serve very hot.

HOW TO FINISH MINCE-PIES.

To give a delicious crispness to the outside of your mince-pies, when your pastry has almost finished baking draw it from the oven and brush it quickly over with the white of an egg and a little water mixed together; then sprinkle with sugar and return to the oven for a few minutes longer.

FRUIT PIE FOR THE NURSERY.

Fill pie-dish with stewed apples or any other fruit in season, and over same put some thin bread-and-butter, placing each piece close together so as to completely cover. Bake in an oven until a nice light-brown color, and shake sifted sugar on top. This is a nice substitute for pastry, besides being wholesome for the little ones.

RICH PLUM-CAKE.

Well line a cake-tin with buttered paper.

Cream together half a pound butter and half a pound sugar. Well beat five eggs, and add them gradually to the sugar and butter.

Sieve together three-quarters of a pound flour, one teaspoonful baking powder, and half a teaspoonful salt. Add to the butter and eggs.

Now stir in half a pound sultanas, half a pound glace cherries, quarter of a pound finely chopped almonds, the grated rind of two lemons, half an ounce powdered cloves, spice, and cinnamon mixed, and either one gill of brandy or a gill of milk.

Put into the tin.

Place the tin on a baking-sheet on a layer of sand and bake for two and a half hours in a moderate oven.

PLAIN CHRISTMAS CAKE.

Well grease a really large cake-tin. Melt half a pound of dripping in a saucepan, add to it half a pound of sugar and one pound molasses. Stir over the fire till the sugar is dissolved.

Put four large coffeecupfuls of flour, one teaspoonful carbonate of soda, half a pound of currants, and half a pound of stoned raisins into a basin.

Pour the molasses and currants into the flour, add one large breakfastcupful sour milk and two well-beaten eggs. Mix all thoroughly. Pour into the tin, and bake about one and a half hours, or longer if necessary.

MINCE-MEAT.

Chop two pounds suet very finely.

Stone and chop two and a half pounds raisins, clean one and a half pounds currants, peel and finely chop two pounds of apples and a quarter of a pound of lemon-peel.

Put all these ingredients into a basin, add four cloves, quarter of an ounce mace or mixed spice, the rind and juice of three lemons, and one and a half ounces chopped almonds.

Mix all well together, pour over quarter of a pint brandy and quarter of a pint port or home-made wine, and tie closely down in jars till required.

HOW TO BUY A CHRISTMAS TREE.

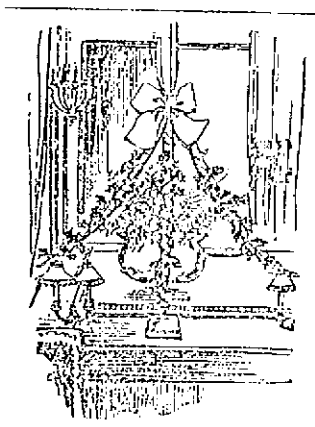
There are Straight Trees and Feathery Trees and Some are Expensive and Others Can be Bought for Your Own Price.

It would be difficult to calculate how many Christmas trees are used annually in the United States. New York alone used more than two hundred thousand last year. Those that are used in New York are obtained principally from Maine, the giant old Pine-Tree State. In summer Maine takes summer boarders, that being the third largest industry in the State. In November and December she cuts Christmas trees. Along the upper Penobscot River the number of trees suitable for hanging Christmas gifts is literally legion. There are people in Maine who have acquired a handsome competence by the Christmas tree industry.

New York State also furnishes many Christmas trees to the metropolis. In the Catskill Mountains there are annually cut thousands of these trees, among which old Hendrik Hudson and his demon crew have been playing skittles and drinking schnapps nightly for centuries, and under whose umbrageous shadows dear old Rip Van Winkle took his long nap of twenty years' duration. The Adirondacks also furnish many trees, and from the shores of Otsego Lake come many others. The Green Mountains of Vermont also send Christmas trees to the little descendants of the Dutch settlers on Manhattan Island, as likewise do the shores of Lake Winnipiseogee and the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

Christmas trees may be of hemlock, pine, balsam fir, cedar or spruce. Each has merits peculiarly its own, except, perhaps, the pine and hemlock, which are often shabby, and whose only merit is cheapness. The green of the cedar is not so bright as that of the others, and perhaps that is why it lasts so much longer. Cedar trees are sometimes to be obtained with branches bearing here and there its lovely frosty berries, and the effect of such a tree is singularly beautiful. Spruce trees are very handsome and stately, and from their branches may be hung gifts heavier than any other Christmas tree will support.

But many people prefer the balsam firs, for they are redolent of the fragrant piny woods. Then, too, the needles of the balsam fir are finer and softer than those of the spruce or cedar, and the blending of vivid green on the upper part of its needles and silver gray on the lower portion is one of those artistic and beautiful effects which nature alone, of all artists, can produce. This tree is also more rounded and symmetrical than any other. It is easily trimmed.



AN EASY AND EFFECTIVE ARRANGEMENT.

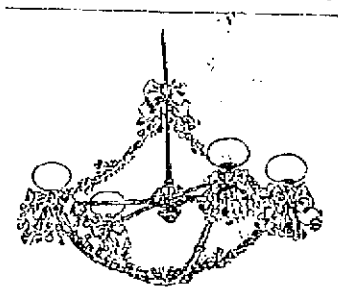
Your tree selected, you can trim it for as much or as little money as you please. If your tree is very tall it will be well to trim the upper branches before placing it in a perpendicular position, lest they be too high to be easily reached. First of all you want some attractive and appropriate ornament for the summit or "tip-top" point of your tree. If you desire to trim it at very little cost a small figure of Santa Claus can be bought for ten cents, or you may substitute for that patron saint of Christmas a cardboard figure of a boy or girl in winter garb, or one of an angel with a trumpet, blowing out Christmas tidings.

A surprising quantity of pink and white popped corn can be bought for a few cents, and, if strung upon strings and festooned on the upper branches, it will look very pretty, as will also cranberries similarly used. Balls of white cotton fastened to the ends of the boughs and small pieces of the same scattered all over the tree give a very pretty snow effect.

If you want an expensive tree, nothing is prettier in the way of ornament than the colored balls of the shops. Hang these numerously from every branch and have festoons of smaller ones from branch to branch all around the tree from top to bottom.

A TEACUP PIN-CUSHION, A SIMPLE CHRISTMAS HINT.

Use plenty of the tinsels representing frost and icicles and the little balls like frozen bubbles blown from a liquid rainbow. Then the shops have a close imitation of festoons of snow, which you can attach to every twig, branch and needle. This snow is made of fine tissue paper and comes packed in boxes. Gilt stars, sold at any stationer's, should be used in abundance, as should also cardboard, china and candy angels, cherubs and children. A tree thus trimmed costs from $10 to $25.



IN RIBBONS AND MISTLETOE.

This year Christmas trees are handsomer than ever. A very nice one about four feet high can be bought for 30 cents. A tree from eighteen to nineteen feet high is worth $1.50 to $6, and some monstrous trees, standing twenty-five feet high, will probably be sold at not less than $10.

CARE OF THE SKIN.

There are many little skin troubles which are both persistent and troublesome and vex one's very soul by appearing on the face. A greasy skin may arise from various causes, but generally from lack of cleanliness or debility of the skin. Only an astringent has any effect upon it and a very simple, entirely harmless one may be made from one pint of rosewater, half a pint of vinegar, and a few drops of essence of rose. This lotion may be applied with a piece of soft linen or a very fine sponge.

Blackheads are very difficult to get rid of and are caused by the clogging of the pores of the skin by dust or foreign matter. Alcohol, ninety per cent., applied by the means of a piece of chamois skin, will give tone to the skin and remove unsuspected dirt and dust, at the same time stimulating the small glands and removing, by constant use, the blackheads.

Tan and freckles may be removed by the use of the following lotion: Two drachms of powdered sal-ammoniac, four fluid drachms of eau of Cologne, one quart of distilled water. Lemon-juice and borax are both very efficacious and are home remedies.

BABY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS.

WHILE MAMMA PLUCKS PRESENTS OFF THE TREE OLD SANTA CLAUS WILL STAND IN THE SHADOW CHUCKLING TO BEHOLD THE DELIGHT OF BABY ON HIS FIRST CHRISTMAS MORNING.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Of the Paige Street and Fifth Street Churches

At the Paige Street Free Baptist church, last night, the annual meeting was held, with a fair attendance of members. Rev. A. E. Wilson was the moderator and he opened the meeting with prayer. J. D. Whitney presented a partial report as treasurer and Mrs. S. W. Wiggin reported for the King's Daughters. Mrs. W. O. Brown presented the report for the Ladies' Sewing Circle. These reports were encouraging and showed good progress during the year.

The following officers were elected: Clerk, J. A. Janvrin; treasurer, J. D. Whitney; prudential committee, J. A. Janvrin, J. H. Brennan, D. P. Knowlton; standing committee, J. H. Caverly, J. E. Armstrong, W. B. Dickinson, W. E. Hatch, S. W. Wiggin; examining committee, W. B. Dickinson, Mrs. Francis Roberts, Hubert J. Kimball, auditor, W. L. Russell; junior deacons, W. O. Brown, Jas. H. Brennan; deaconesses, Mrs. W. G. Howe, Mrs. Margaret Hardy, Mrs. W. O. Brown, Mrs. Francis Roberts.

The annual meeting of the society was held at the conclusion of the church meeting. Rev. Mr. Wilson was moderator and W. O. Batchelder was chosen clerk, J. E. Armstrong was elected treasurer and collector. The election of an auditor and a standing committee was deferred for one week.

FIFTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

The annual meeting of the Fifth St. Baptist church was held last night. Rev. H. W. O. Millington, the pastor of the church, presiding. The report of the standing committee was read by the clerk and accepted, after which came the clerk's report. This gave great cause for encouragement showing that the additions to membership have been more than for several years and that interest in church work has increased. The treasurer's report was deferred until a future meeting but it was stated that this has been one of the most succesful financial years in the history of the church. The weekly offering system has proved abundantly successful in providing sufficient income to meet the obligations of the church at all times. Reports were next presented from the board of deacons, the Bible school, the mission school and the librarian all of which indicated health and progress. Then came the election of officers and committees for the ensuing year as follows: Clerk, Henry C. Wilder; treasurer, Luther C. Stiles; auditors, C. W. Nevers and Alexander Leggett; standing committee, pastor, deacons, John R. Brown, J. B. Gilman, Levi L. Hall, M. M. Lord, R. B. Thomas, Melvin Eames, F. Carpenter; Bible school superintendent, R. B. Thomas; assistant superintendent, Robert Hollingsworth; secretary, Richard Hilton; superintendent of Hildreth mission, James B. Gilman; assistant superintendent, Thos. Shaw, secretary, Miss Jennie M. Shaw; treasurer, M. H. Dudley.

LAUGHABLE COMEDY

PRESENTED BY THE FIRST TRINITARIAN CHURCH.

Last night the Dramatic club of the First Trinitarian church, under the direction of Mrs. George F. Kenngott, gave their first presentation in the church vestry, of the laughable three-act comedy, the "Donation Party, or New Year's Eve at the Parsonage."

The old-time custom of sweeping down upon the pastor's home and depleting his larder, leaving his family poorer for the visit instead of richer, was wittily hit off by a group of clever amateurs. The play will be repeated this evening and is well worth seeing. The cast is as follows:

Rev. George Baxter, pastor of Punkinville parish, Arthur F. Butler; Herbert, his long-lost son, Herbert D. Hope; Pete, the colored chore boy, William Morgan; Squire Applebee, Aunt Jerushy's admirer, Charles L. Blake; Brother Smith, a wealthy but mean farmer, George Blake; old Peters, a farmer, Walter Muzzey; Mr. Smith, a tree agent, George Blake; Joe, Samanthy's admirer, Hervey J. Gamble; Josh Herbert C. Riddick; Seth, Arthur H. Hope; Bob, Arthur Jones; a tramp, Arthur Hope; Mrs. Baxter, the pastor's good wife, Laura B. Conant; Aunt Jerushy, spinster of forty-five, Laura B. Symonds; Mary and Hannah, the two daughters of the pastor, Crissie Dewar, Lila Wilcox; Phoebe, a colored maid of fifteen, Grace M. Boynton; Marm Brown, deaf but not dumb, Alice M. Wing; Mrs. Wilkins, about forty, Samanthy, about twenty years old, Melissy, about twenty years old, gossips, Maude Daisley, Alice Audette, and Mabel Dent.

CHRISTMAS TREE

FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Christmas tree and entertainment was held last night by the children of the primary department of the First Baptist Sunday school in the church vestry yesterday afternoon. The tree was a beautiful one well filed with gifts for the smaller children and with the chimney in the center of the platform was so realistic that if Santa Claus had popped down at any moment no one would have been surprised. But he was too busy to come and so the presents were distributed by his substitutes, the pastor and his wife, and assistants in the school. The entertainment opened with the singing of "Heart Bells" which was followed by a bible drill and then came songs and recitations appropriate to the season. At the close, little Montague Palmer Ford sang "Sunshine" looking up into his father's face for inspiration. He was loudly applauded.

SUBSCRIPTION PARTY.

The first of a series of three subscription parties managed by the young ladies of the social set was given in Lester's hall last night. There were decorations in the spirit of Christmas week and the dance called out a very jolly number of young people. The matrons were Mrs. George H. Pillsbury, Mrs. Frank H. Holmes, Mrs. A. E. Rose and Mrs. Willis Farrington. Valentine's orchestra furnished the music.

BODY IS STILL UNCLAIMED.

The body of Dale Armstrong, the showman who fell downstairs in a Lawrence Hotel Sunday, still remains at the morgue in that city unclaimed. Relatives in Chicago have been communicated with by the police but no reply has yet been obtained. If an answer does not arrive today the remains will be interred in Potter's field.

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POLISH MURDERS

Nine Persons Murdered at Osiek, Polana

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—A horrible wholesale murder has just been committed in Osiek, near Kalisch, Poland. Nine members of the family of a wealthy landed proprietor named Kowalski were killed after frightful torture. The house was robbed of everything valuable. The mutilated corpses were discovered yesterday, but there is no clue to the murderers.

ANNUAL SUPPER

AND CHRISTMAS TREE AT HIGH STREET CHURCH.

The children of the High street Sunday school had their annual supper and Christmas tree yesterday afternoon and evening with a very large attendance. The room had been nicely decorated with Christmas greens and tables were prepared for the members of the junior and primary departments and they were bountifully filled with good things from the ladies of the church. Mr. W. E. Kezer and a large corps of assistants had charge of the supper and all arrangements were in excellent taste.

Two large trees tastefully trimmed stood on one side of the vestry, the work being in the care of the flower committee of the young people's society. On the platform a large box was prepared for Santa Claus and although his voice could be heard as he handed the presents to Mr. Carl D. Burtt, who called the children's names and mystified them as to the presence of their favorite yet he could not be seen. Besides the presents each child was given a fancy box of candy, the gift of D. L. Page and a large box of assorted confectionery was also sent in by Mr. Frank Hough. Mr. Warren Cornock entertained the company with violin selections and everybody present went away satisfied with the good time provided.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE

WON TWO GAMES IN CHESS TOURNAMENT YESTERDAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The games in the third round of the inter-collegiate chess tournament yesterday resulted as follows:

Falk, Columbia, beat Henry, Princeton, after 46 moves; Falk played a steady game throughout.

Cook, Yale, and Perry, Harvard, played a draw after 45 moves; Sewell Columbia, beat Morgan, Yale, in 63 moves. Both men played fine chess.

The game between Hunt, Princeton, and Rice, Harvard, was not concluded and a decision will be rendered at the conclusion of the tournament. The positions of the contestants were very complicated.

A BANQUET

TENDERED TO TERRY McGOVERN, THE PUGILIST.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Terry McGovern, the bantam-weight champion boxer, was tendered a banquet at the Argyle cafe in Brooklyn last night. At the conclusion of the banquet, a diamond studded belt emblematic of the bantam weight championship was presented to the Brooklyn boxer by Sam C. Austin, on behalf of Richard K. Fox.

TORPEDO BOAT

LAUNCHED YESTERDAY AT THE TRIGG SHIP YARD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 28.—Despite the fact that it was snowing heavily a large crowd assembled at the Trigg ship yard yesterday to witness the launching of the torpedo boat Stockton. The Stockton is a sister boat to the Shubrick, which was launched at the Trigg yard some weeks ago.

Miss Katherine Stockton, the oldest unmarried daughter of the oldest son of Commodore Stockton, christened the boat and the affair went off without the slightest hitch. The Stockton is 175 feet and four feet eight inches draught, and is expected to make on her trial trip 25 knots.

STRUCK BY TRAIN

HENRY R. SIMONDS OF WINCHESTER INSTANTLY KILLED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Henry R. Simonds, a provision dealer of Winchester, was killed last night by a train on the Main street crossing in that town. He had started to cross the track after a freight train had passed by and was struck by a north-bound express and hurled many feet, being instantly killed. He was 35 years old.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTE

TO AID FACTORY INSPECTORS IN OVERTIME WORK.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 28.—The executive committee of the various labor organizations have decided to aid the factory inspectors in every way possible to obtain evidence regarding the alleged illegal running of overtime by the Hargraves and Parker corporations in this city. The claim is made by the operatives that the majority of overtime work is being done under compulsion.

MR. BOUTELLE

IN A PRIVATE HOSPITAL IN BROOKLINE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Congressman Charles A. Boutelle of Maine is under treatment at the private hospital of Dr. Walter Channing in Brookline one of Boston's best residential suburbs. Mr. Boutelle arrived here from Bangor early yesterday morning and was immediately conveyed to the hospital but every attempt to ascertain his condition has so far been met with a courteous but firm refusal on the part of the physician in charge.

Dr. Channing's institution is situated on Boylston street adjoining the estate of the late Col. Henry Lee and is very retired and free from the noise and turmoil. Electric cars do not run within half a mile of it and the neighborhood is entirely residential.

WAR IN THE SPRING.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 28.—Advices received from the Orient yesterday state that Russia and France are conniving to begin encroaching on Chinese territory and against England and that Japan is buying immense quantities of rice. It is believed that war will break out in the spring.

Miss Maude Louise Gillespie, of the class of 1899, Lowell High school and now a student at the Normal school is visiting friends at Haverhill during the holidays.

Eyesight by absorption. Dr. Taylor.

THE GRAND JURY

Investigating Certain Slanderous Rumors

WHICH AFFECTED MARKET PRICE

Of Rapid Transit Stock at Brooklyn

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The grand jury yesterday heard a number of witnesses in the matter of a charge of slander made against persons unknown for the circulation of a rumor to the effect that a receiver was about to be applied for by the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company. It is claimed that this rumor had the effect of so discrediting the stock that it dropped a number of points. The grand jury is trying to ascertain who started the rumor. The case is an unusual one and comes under a section of the penal code which provides a fine and imprisonment for any person who knowingly circulates a false statement for the purpose of influencing the market price of stocks or bonds.

President Rossiter of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company was the first witness in the case. He was before the jury for some time. The next witness called was J. S. Bache of the stock broking firm of J. S. Bache and company of this city. Mr. Bache was served with an order to produce books and papers as it was said that in his orders he had many dealings with prominent persons interested in the depression of stocks.

It is said that Mr. Bache declined at first to answer questions concerning bear operators. He was allowed to consult his attorney and then he re-entered the grand jury room and answered the questions.

One of the results of the testimony of Mr. Bache was the issuance of a subpoena for Joseph Leary, a telegraph operator, employed by James Bache and company. This was regarded as significant, as the firm has a direct wire to Boston and the telegram containing the report in question is said to have been sent from that city.

Mr. E. S. Hooley, manager for Ralston and Bass of this city, was called into the grand jury room. This firm also has a private wire to Boston, from which the false rumor is said to have been sent.

Edward D. Jones of the Talbot J. Taylor company of this city was the next witness. T. J. Taylor is a son-in-law of James R. Keene and is also known as Mr. Keene's broker. Elijah Smith of this city and of Plainfield, N. J., was next summoned before the grand jury. A detective then arrived at the grand jury room with Joseph Leary, the operator in Bache's office. Herbert V. Falke, the manager of the office, protested and wanted to enter the grand jury room with Leary as he said to protect the interest of the firm. When Mr. Leary had completed his testimony, Mr. Falke was escorted into the grand jury room. He remained with the grand jury for a considerable time. Sidney T. Schuyler was the last witness subpoenaed. The grand jury adjourned after Schuyler's testimony.

PRES. NOONAN

DENIES THAT HIBERNIANS VOTED FOR A FENIAN INVASION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 28.—A prominent member of the Hibernians of Ottawa telegraphed President James Noonan of division 36, Ancient Order Hibernians, Worcester, Mass., asking if it were correct that he and the members of the order had voted for an invasion of Canada. A reply has been received denying that anything of the kind took place. Mr. Noonan added that the society was purely for fraternal purposes.

A REUNION

OF MEMBERS OF DARTMOUTH COLLEGE CLASS OF '76.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—A dinner and reunion of the members of Dartmouth college, class of 1876, was held last evening at the Quincy house with ten present. At the dinner arrangements were made for observing the 25th anniversary of the class of 1901. At that time the members of the class will present a scholarship to Dartmouth. For that purpose a considerable sum of money has already been contributed.

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FOR SALE—A good place for the money, three miles from the city, 12 acres of land, 7 room-house, large barn and hennery and sheds, this is a bargain, $1100. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

FREE—Send no money. We give watches, bracelets, rings, etc., for selling our jewelry novelties. Send your name and address and we will mail you eighteen scarfpins in enamel and different colored stones to sell at ten cents each. The best sellers ever offered. When sold, send us the money and we will give you a watch or your choice of our list of premiums which we send with the pins. Anowan Jewelry company, North Attleboro, Mass.

A TEN DOLLAR INVESTMENT RETURNS FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS PROFIT—This is better than a dozen Klondikes—at least this is the honest opinion of 617 investors who placed from $10 to $20 in Montana and Utah mining shares with the older reliable mining brokerage firm of W. H. Nichols, No. 2 West Broadway, Butte, Mon. Average profit of the 617 investors in ten months was $151.50, and many of the lucky ones made $500 off $10. Mr. Nichols is now floating two more new mining companies; he is a very shrewd and careful mining operator—he is a good one to follow.

WE are now ready for business, either in buying or selling house furnishing goods at No. 50 Charles street. New and second hand furniture store and our dealings both ways will be our best advertisement. There will be some one at all business hours to answer demands. E. O'Heir, Attorney.

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WATER CLOSETS and bath tubs from $5 up. All first class plumbing at lowest prices. J. H. Barry, 498 Market street.

LADIES—Chichester English Pennyroyal Pills (Diamond Brand) are the best, safe reliable. Take no other. Send 4c in stamps for particulars. "Relief for Ladies," in letter by return mail. At druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

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SPOT Cash and highest prices for secondhand furniture at 462 Merrimack street. Tel. 686-4.

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Just received, 1,709 pounds of fresh kiln-dried loose hops.

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These hops are strictly first class high-grade goods, raised and cured this year, on specially prepared ground, for home use, by an expert hop grower. Place your order at once, as the amount is limited.

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Oak, Maple and Mahogany Wood Work. Sixteen Millions of these Machines have been sold.

Needles and Parts for all kinds of Machines.
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Fifteen, Twenty, and Twenty-Five Dollars are frequently paid for just the very same set of teeth that Dr. Simmons will make you for $8.00. Dr. Simmons, Dentist, 219 Central street.

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Try our New Brands of Flour, the Best in the City, "The King Arthur," "Crown of Gold," and "Banquet."

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WANTED—A good sewer on plain white worsted. Steady work and good pay. Success Worsted Co., North Chelmsford, Mass.

WANTED—Experienced hustling general agent wanted in this territory on an article which sells at sight. $20 capital and references required. To experienced man, a good proposition. Address Eureka Coal Saver Co., 75 Westminster St., Providence, R. I.

WANTED—A situation to care for invalid or keep house for widower. Address A. H., this office.

WANTED—Stenographer (lady or gentleman) employed or not, having leisure hour or so, day or evening, can secure profitable employment. Address "Typewriting," Sun office.

WANTED—Policy holders in the covenant Mutual Life association, send your addresses to P. O. Box 503, Lowell, Mass.

WANTED—A neat little girl residing in Belvidere, or vicinity to mind a baby anytime. Apply 51, Sun Office.

WANTED—To purchase lodging house in Lowell for cash. Must be cheap. Address K, Sun Office.

WANTED—Old and young men to buy new hats and we clean free of charge for one year at Delorme's, 261 Middlesex street.

WANTED—Cooks, kitchen, girls, table girls, general housework girls. Free ride in our carriage. Dons, 108 Merrimack street, opposite Bon Marche.

WANTED—Old and young men to bring their old hats to Delorme, the hatter, the only hater in town where they make hats to order. 261 Middlesex street.

CALL AT GONZALES, the Cutter, 124 Gorham street, if you want a first-class razor or strap. He has the new Xavier razor which excels all others. Razors concaved and honed.

TO LET.

TO LET—Cottage houses at Adams avenue, Pawtucketville. Rent $8. Keys at occupied cottage. William A. Head, 22 Liberty street.

TO LET—Some first-class tenements in all parts of the city. Apply to A. G. Belmarrell, Room 8, Bon Marche Block.

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LOST—A bunch of keys. Reward paid by leaving at 30 John street.

LOST—A black and tan hound, name on collar, G. Southworth. Finder rewarded by leaving at fourth house past Gun Club street, Chelmsford Centre.

FOUND—Saturday night in Music hall a pair of glasses. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying charges.

LOST—Meerschaum pipe at corner of Fayette and Andover street. Dark, red color and ornamented with silver trimming. Return to 31 Sycamore street and be rewarded.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE SUN ON SALE IN BOSTON.

The five o'clock edition of The Sun is on sale at the news stand in the Union Station, Boston.

UP-TO-DATE CALENDARS.

Our 1900 calendars are ready for distribution. Fire alarm on back. Call and get one. Dickson Bros., the big tea dealers, 68 Merrimack street.

CHRISTMAS.

It is not too early to remind you that it is most time to get your orders in for Christmas and if you are going to have anything special, order at once as the market indications are that real good stock is going to be scarce. We have ordered heavily of the best growers and our supply will be the best ever had in Lowell. Nothing adds more to a happy home than a small vase of cut flowers. Floral designs of the latest patterns. Patten & Roberts, florists. 8 Merrimack square. Telephone 63-3.

LOCAL NEWS.

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BURN WILSON'S COAL.

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Eyesight by absorption. Dr. Taylor.

Elegant rubber tired hacks at O'Donnell's. Telephone, 391-4.

Get your money's worth by buying your Coal of W. E. Livingston, 15 Thorndike St.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The twentieth anniversary of Glenie lodge, I. O. G. T., was held last night in Pilgrim hall, and the occasion was marked by a supper and entertainment. There was a large attendance and the program was of the usual high class that governs all the entertainments held by this lodge. The program included selections by the Excelsior quartette; readings, Laura Cummings; piano solos, Percy Hands, Inez Turnbull; remarks, Hector Turnbull and phonograph numbers in charge of Frank McLean of Mt. Zion lodge. Letters were read from Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Gardner of Laconia, N. H., and Mr. and Mrs. Seth Warren of Pittsfield, Vt. Supper and a social hour followed the entertainment. The committee in charge consisted of W. F. Johnson, Hector Turnbull, George F. Tilton, Jr., Percy Hands, James Frizer, Misses Josie Frost, Leola Craig and Mrs. W. F. Johnson, Mrs. Hector Turnbull and Mrs. Ida A. Tilton had charge of the supper, the young ladies of the lodge assisting.

Last night Grand Instructor William M. Webber and a large assembly of brothers were present at Centralville lodge, I. O. O. F., to witness the working of the third degree. There is no doubt that the third degree as conferred by this lodge with its many impressive features and perfect floor work, is unexcelled in the state and Grand Instructor Webber during his remarks said that he had never before seen the degree exemplified in so beautiful a manner. His talk was very interesting and full of instruction. Pianist Mason had the assistance of the Centralville lodge orchestra and it is needless to say that the music added greatly to the working of the degree. Remarks were made by Past Grands Fleming, Foye, Fuller, Cluer, Secretary Nevers, Noble Grand Carroll of the Oberlin lodge and others. Attendance 125. Installation and banquet next Wednesday evening.

One candidate was initiated and three candidates acted upon at the regular meeting of Lowell lodge, A. O. U. W., held last night. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: P. M. W., Frank I. Hall; M. W. Frederick G. Humphries; Foreman, Therlon A. Hall; overseer, John W. Duncan; recorder, Herbert W. Locke; (8th consecutive time); financier, Benj. Hodgman, (20th consecutive time); receiver, Leonard J. Labounty (20th consecutive time); guide, Elmer E. Crowell; I. S. W., Paul R. Hartt; O. S. W., James Murphy; representative to the grand lodge, Frank I. Hall; alternate, Robert H. Mulno; trustee for three years, Oren F. Goodson. It was voted to hold a public installation Wednesday, January 24, 1900. Recorder Locke reported that he had paid to the widow of the late P. M. Whitman of 30 Pawtucket street, $2000, the amount due her on the death of her husband, who was a member of Lowell lodge. Mrs. Whitman received the money in less than three weeks after her husband's death.

The following officers were elected last night at the regular meeting of Mechanics lodge, I. O. O. F., for the ensuing term: N. G., John A. Weinbeck; V. G., Samuel A. McPhetres; secretary, Frank B. Wright; treasurer, Arthur H. Slater; financial secretary, D. B. H. Bartlett; trustee for three years, Waldo Sargent; marshal, James E. White.

At the regular meeting of Emulus Thompson Commandery, U. O. G. C., held last vening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months: P. N. C., Lizzie A. Davis; N. C., Cynthia C. Howe; prelate, Georgianna Rhodes; K. of R., W. H. Gilman; F. K. of R., C. M. Young; treasurer, W. H. Emmott; herald, George Merrill; W. I. G., C. W. Cook; W. O. G., W. A. Jones; trustees one year, A. J. Jones, Lizzie A. Davis and W. A. Jones; rep., Lizzie A. Davis.

Routine business only was transacted at the regular meeting of Ladd and Whitney post 185, G. A. R., last night. Officers will be elected at the next regular meeting.

Last night the regular meeting of Clan Grant, A. O. S. C., was held and officers for the ensuing six months were elected. The officers elected were: Chief, George Gordon; tanist, George Campbell; chaplain, James Dumpster; recording secretary, A. W. Mowatt; financial secretary, R. J. Houston; treasurer, William Houston; senior henchman, John Grant; junior henchman, Stewart Gregg; seneschall, William Chisholm; warder, D. Turnbull; sentinel, P. Caddell. The clan will hold a grand soiree concert and dance at Manchester Unity hall on New Year's night and a good time is expected.

At the meeting of Star of Lowell Circle, Foresters of America, held last night, six candidates were initiated and seven propositions were received. Officers for the ensuing term were elected and are as follows: Chief Companion, Maria Markham; sub chief companion, Miss Mary Welch; financial secretary, Ellen K. Roche; recording secretary, Mrs. Martha Walsh; left guide, Miss Geoghegan; right guide, Miss Mary Sullivan; inside guide, Miss Myers; outside guide, Miss Mary Dacey; physician, Dr. J. E. Leary.

At the regular meeting of Spindle City Circle, Foresters of America, held last night, seven candidates were initiated and three applications were received. Officers for the coming six months were elected as follows: Chief companion, Mrs. Clara McPhail; sub-chief companion, Mrs. Bridget Crane; financial secretary, Miss Rose Ward; recording secretary, Miss Kittie Collins; right guide, Miss B. Leonard; left guide, Miss Annie Sheehan; inside guard, Miss Maggie McCabbott; outside guard, Michael Gilligan; trustee for three years, Miss Angie Taylor; physician, Dr. McAdams.

At the regular meeting of James A. Garfield Post 120, G. A. R., Wednesday night, only routine business was transacted. At the meeting of the Ladies' Relief Corps the first Thursday in the new year the post will join with the corps in installing the corps' officers.

Dorcas Temple, Rathbone Sisters, held their regular meeting last night, and the officers were nominated.

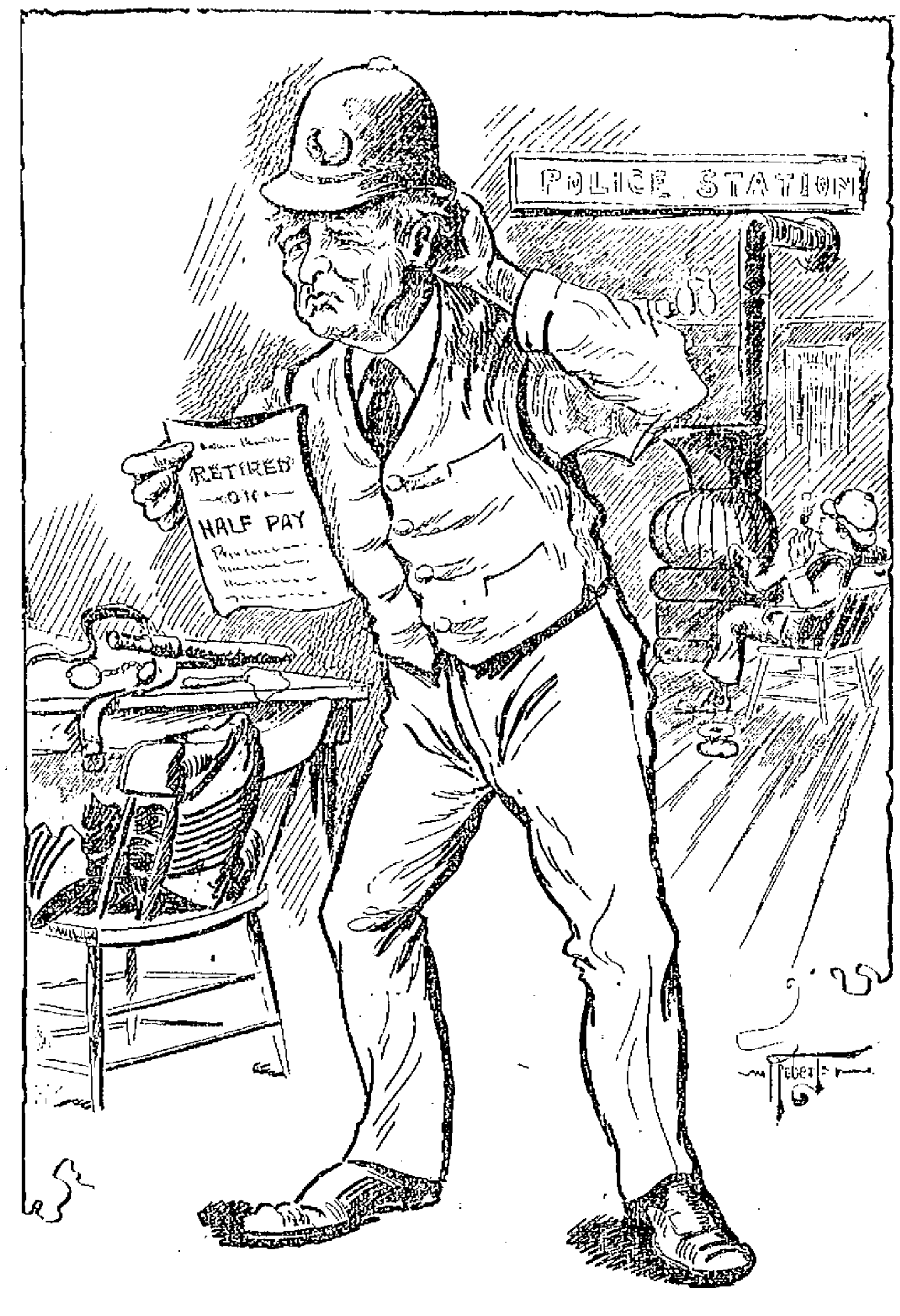
TEXTILE SCHOOL

TO BE ESTABLISHED BY FALL RIVER OPERATIVES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FALL RIVER, Mass. Dec. 28.—The Loomfixers' association yesterday completed a transaction by which it becomes the owner of a building and land on Bedford street, which will be converted into a textile school for the use of the members of that organization.

Dr. Coburn DENTIST 81 MERK ST.



"I WOULD LEAVE MY HAPPY HOME FOR YOU."

A MIDNIGHT MASS

At the Immaculate Conception Church

AND ST. PETERS AND THE OTHERS

On Sunday Night—Elaborate Musical Programs

As announced in yesterday's Sun, the beautiful service of the midnight mass will be held at St. Patrick's church to usher in the jubilee year or the close of the century. But St. Patrick's will not be the only church at which a midnight mass will be celebrated for all the local Catholic churches will avail themselves of the privilege in accordance with the authority given them by Archbishop Williams. A midnight mass on New Year's morning is unprecedented in this country.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

At the Belvidere church, the service will be carried out with characteristic splendor. The Christmas decorations will remain in place, enhancing the beauty of the scene. The doors will open at 11 o'clock Sunday night, and the great bell will ring out at 11.59.

The front of the church on a line drawn across the transepts and extending for a score of pews farther down the centre aisle will be reserved for seat-holders to whom tickets will be distributed Sunday. Red tickets will admit to the centre aisle, blue to the seats on the west or Blessed Virgin side of the church and white tickets to the east or St. Joseph side. All the remainder of the room will be open to all who come.

The solemn high mass will begin promptly at the stroke of midnight. The choir will give a magnificent program. The service will open with the singing of Ave Verum. Then Kalliwoda's grand and most melodious mass will be sung and for the first time here with orchestral and organ accompaniment, the American orchestra having been engaged. At the offertory, Van Reysschoot's Christmas hymn Noel will be sung. At the close of the mass benediction will be given the choir singing Verdi's Tantum Ergo and the service will close with "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name," sung by the choir and congregation with organ and orchestra.

Holy communion will be given at the mass. Confessions will be heard throughout the evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. Those desiring to receive communion at this mass and who go to confession Saturday, are expected to ask permission of their confessor.

ST. MICHAEL'S.

Solemn high mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's at 12 o'clock Sunday night. The doors will be open at 11 o'clock. Director James Murphy will arrange an elaborate program and the soloists will be Mr. and Mrs. Murphy, Miss Nano Gallegher and Mr. Thomas P. Bonigor.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

At St. Peter's church the midnight mass will be celebrated with all due solemnity and arrangements are under way for an elaborate musical service in connection with the mass.

SACRED HEART.

At the Moore street church, solemn high mass will be sung and Miss Sullivan, directress of the choir, has arranged a beautiful musical program.

A SUGGESTION.

Undoubtedly every church will be crowded at the midnight service, for the opportunity to attend it comes only once or twice in a lifetime. This generation will have midnight mass twice, next Sunday night and one year hence, when the new century shall be ushered in. Owing to the beauty of the service, hundreds of non-Catholics will probably attend. For the accommodation of the thousands who will attend the midnight mass, The Sun suggests that the street railroad company extend the running time on some of its lines to accommodate those wishing to attend.

EVANGELIST JACKSON

TO CONDUCT SERVICES AT TRINITARIAN CHURCH.

Rev. George F. Kengott, speaking of Rev. Charles L. Jackson, who is to conduct the evangelistic services at the First Trinitarian church says:

"Dwight L. Moody, who always meant what he said, having heard Rev. Charles L. Jackson, the evangelist of Melrose, conduct a service in a crowded assembly, said of him: 'That young, slim, smooth-faced, black-haired man is one of the country's best evangelists.' Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D. D., an intimate friend of Mr. Jackson, commended him with equal warmth. Mr. F. P. Shumway of Boston, a leader in the work of the Y. M. C. A., and the Evangelistic Association, recommended him very highly. His personal character, the quality of his work and the success already achieved in other communities, commend him to the Lowell public.

"He begins a series of evangelistic meetings in the First Trinitarian Congregational church, Dutton street, on Wednesday, January 3d, at 7.30 p. m. There will be meetings every week-day evening except Saturday at 7.30 o'clock. All are invited to these services which are sure to be helpful."

TEAM FOUR WON

DEFEATED TEAM SIX IN Y. M. C. I. TOURNAMENT.

The contesting teams last night in the Y. M. C. I. bowling tournament were teams four and six, and the former team won easily, defeating their opponents by a margin of 303 pins. Tom Kelley of the winning team broke the single string record, making 218, while the former record was 217, held by Fox. Kelley was also high man of the evening, making 534 in the three strings. The score:

Team Four.

Kelley	218	147	169	534
Flood	157	155	120	[illegible]
Shinners	123	120	119	[illegible]
Barry	151	157	[illegible]	[illegible]
Heary	190	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total	827	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Team Six.

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
*O'Shea	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
*Jordan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
*Donnelly	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sullivan	131	151	124	[illegible]
Total	615	615	612	[illegible]

*Absent.

BRILLIANT COTILLION

AT BURBANK HALL LAST EVENING.

Burbank hall was the scene of a brilliant social event last evening, the occasion being a cotillion given under the patronage of four Belvidere ladies. The hall was elaborately decorated and the receiving party consisted of Mrs. Willis Farrington, Mrs. Alfred E. R[illegible], Mrs. Frank Holmes and Mrs. George H. Pillsbury. There were about [illegible] and the evening was one of pleasure. Nicholson's orchestra furnished music and at intermission a dainty lunch was served by the D. L. Page company. This is the first of a series of three parties to be held under the same auspices.

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It is because Vinol acts so beneficially upon the stomach that it accomplishes so much good.

Vinol contains the active curative principles that are found in cod-liver oil, without any oil or grease.

These medicinal elements act so favorably upon the stomach, that this organ obtains for itself the elements necessary for creating new flesh, muscle tissue and for making rich red blood.

When the stomach acts easily and naturally, a desire is created for good simple food and a good appetite is the sure result.

With cod-liver oil as formerly taken the medicinal elements which it contained, were too often unable to counteract the harm that was done by the obnoxious grease that enveloped them.

Now that in Vinol we have those same elements separated from the vile-tasting fat, we have a tonic and rebuilder that is simply marvelous in its action.

The following is a letter that will explain itself:

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We want every one in this place to know more about our Vinol, how it cures and what it cures. Certainly the greatest tonic and rebuilder we have ever sold.

We, therefore, cordially invite any one interested to call upon us; and we want all to bear in mind that we will gladly refund to any one who is not satisfied with the action of Vinol every cent they pay for it.

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Nothing tells of age so quickly as gray hair. But age is only a mask! Why wear it longer? Better put it aside. Better restore color to your gray hair, all the rich, dark color of early life. You can do this by using

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It always restores color to gray hair, stops falling, and makes the hair grow thick and long. For 60 years this has been the leading hair preparation of the world. It's a long record and stands as positive proof of genuine merit. We know you will be greatly pleased if you will only give our Hair Vigor a good trial.

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Mrs. E. Z. DENONNE,
April 21, 1899. Cohoes, N. Y.

LAWTON FUND

HAS NOW REACHED A TOTAL OF $31,191.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—It was announced last night that Adjutant General Corbin has received in actual cash and checks, $17,323 towards the Lawton home fund, and has received notices of subscriptions from individuals and others in cities where funds are raising for the relief of General Lawton's family, sufficient to bring the total up to $31,191.

HARRIET ALLSOP

BURIED BY THE CARDERS' AND PICKERS' UNION.

When Mrs. Harriet Allsop died as the result of a burning accident on Christmas Eve, she did not have a friend to see to her burial. However, she was fortunate enough to be a member of the Carders and Pickers' union though she was entered on the books as Harriet Briggs, and the members of the union took more than a friendly interest in her. The deceased was entitled to a $40 death benefit from the union and with this the expenses of the funeral were defrayed. A delegation from the union attended the simple funeral and the following members of the body officiated as bearers: Thomas F. Connolly, Kate McCarthy, Mrs. Bamber, Johanna Keenan and Mary Munroe. Interment was in the Edson cemetery under the direction of Undertaker Peter Davey.

MATRIMONIAL.

Mr. John Francis Saunders, the well known and popular provision dealer of Gorham street and Miss Alice Josephine Mahoney, daughter of Overseer of the Poor Thomas Mahoney, were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the parochial residence of St. Patrick's parish. The matrimonial ceremony was performed by Rev. Edward F. Saunders of St. Peter's church and a cousin of the groom. The bride was attended by Miss Minnie I. Saunders, and the best man was Mr. Thomas P. Sullivan. The bride and bridemaid were handsomely attired in fine silk and looked charming. The marriage ceremony was followed by a reception which was held at the home of the bride's parents, 46 Butterfield street and there a delectable wedding supper was served to friends and relatives, the D. L. Page company catering. There were many guests from out of town, including the following named: Patrick, William and Henry Mahoney of Norwich, Conn.; Miss Helen and Elizabeth Saunders and Frederick Saunders of Newmarket, N. H.; Rose Lannon, Groveland, Mass., James Saunders and Thomas Mahoney, of Mt. St. Mary's college, Emmittsburg, Md. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion with evergreen and potted plants. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders left on the 5.30 train for New York for an extended honeymoon and will visit other points of interest before returning. They will be at home to their friends early in February at their new home, 543 Fletcher street. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous costly wedding gifts.

FIELDING—HITCHEN.

Mr. Joseph F. Fielding, a popular salesman for M. Donovan & Co., wholesale fruit dealers, and Miss Sarah Hitchen, were united in marriage last evening at 7 o'clock at the First Primitive Methodist church, Rev. N. W. Matthews performing the marriage ceremony. The church was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns and other tropical plants for the occasion. The bride was attended by Miss A[illegible] Ogley and was given away by her [illegible], Mr. Thompson. The best man was Mr. Albert Fielding, brother of the groom. The bride was handsomely attired in white muslin and carried bible roses, and the bridesmaid also wore a becoming costume of white muslin. The ushers at the church were Messrs. William Fielding, Albert Bury, James Wilmot and Walter Jewett.

Immediately following the ceremony an informal reception was held at the bride's home, 15 Madison street. A bountiful wedding repast was served, the following ladies acting as waitresses: Mrs. Bury, Mrs. Pickles, Mrs. Ogley, Mrs. Wilmot, Miss Brown, Miss Sarah Ogley and Miss Maude Wilmot. Supper was followed by an impromptu program which included the following numbers: Vocal solo, Jas. Whitehead; piano selections, Albert Asquith; vocal duet, Osmond Long and Miss Alice Ogley; imitations, Thomas Howard.

Among the out-of-town guests present were Mrs. Hampson of Pawtucket, R. I.; Mrs. John Fielding of Lynn; Mr. Edward Fielding of Somerville and James Broadbent of New Bedford.

Mr. and Mrs. Fielding left late in the evening for an extended wedding trip which will include Boston, Lynn, and other points of interest. Upon their return they will reside at 15 Madison street where they will be at home to their friends after January 15. The happy couple were the recipients of many beautiful and costly wedding gifts.

RODDY—HALEY.

Mr. Michael Roddy and Miss Bridget Haley were united in marriage last evening at the parochial residence of St. Michael's parish at 6 o'clock, the ceremony being performed by the pastor Rev. William O'Brien. The bridemaid was Miss Nora Haley, the bride's sister, and Mr. Michael Burke was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at No. 174 Lakeview avenue.

BRODEN—QUINN.

Mr. Joseph Broden and Miss Anna A. Quinn were joined in wedlock yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the parochial residence of St. Patrick's parish, Rev. M. J. Leonard officiating.

DIED SUDDENLY

WARREN WEBSTER PASSED AWAY LAST NIGHT.

Last night, Warren Webster, an old and highly respected resident of this city, died very suddenly at his late residence in Varnum avenue. Mr. Webster had apparently enjoyed his usual health yesterday and had made a journey down town. He came home, ate his usual hearty supper and immediately retired, uttering not a word to convey the impression that he was in other than his usual health.

About 8.30, members of the family were startled by a slight noise seemingly emanating from the direction of his room. They went to his assistance just as the aged gentleman passed away.

Deceased was 71 years, 5 months of age and besides his widow he leaves three daughters and one son.

BENNETT'S SUPPER

CANDIDATE FOR SPEAKER ENTERTAINS DELEGATES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—In response to a printed notification issued a day or two ago, about half a hundred supporters of Mr. Bennett gathered at the Bellevue in Boston yesterday. The early arrivals found the new Bennett headquarters in charge of M. E. H. Dockham, who has figured as Mr. Reed's secretary. The stenographer who had been employed in Mr. Reed's Adams house headquarters has also transferred his equipment to the Bellevue.

Before the dinner Mr. Bennett's committee gave out the following statement:

"The withdrawal of Mr. Reed in favor of Mr. Bennett renders Mr. Bennett's nomination on the first ballot now very probable, and there is no doubt of his nomination if more than one ballot is taken.

"As the business men's candidate Mr. Bennett has the support of business men all over the state. He is making steady gains. An increase of no less than 15 in the number of his supporters this week is expected to be followed by further gains of a positive nature during the next few days; in fact, Mr. Bennett's nomination is now practically assured.

"If there is any doubt upon this subject we are willing to compare names and figures with the friends of any of the other candidates."

There were 62 republican members-elect at Mr. Bennett's dinner in the cafe of the Bellevue. These included 10 of the Bristol county delegation, which was given the place of honor at the head table. Representative Davis of Amesbury presided and after-dinner speeches were made by Reed of Taunton, Gilpatric of Boston, Barrington of Franklin, Weeks of Fall River, Francis of New Bedford, Bennett of Saugus, Salter of Lynn, Emerson of Boston, Pettingell of Salisbury, Mills of Fall River, Hunt of Worcester, Porter of Lynn, Sprague of Quincy and Dowse of Malden.

Notice is hereby given, that the subscriber has been duly appointed public administrator of the estate of James Carrane, alias James Currane, alias James Carrone, late of Lowell, in the county of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are hereby required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

JOHN W. McEVOY,
Public Administrator.
137 Central street, Lowell, Mass.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREE.

Through an error some tickets for the Christmas tree function at the Women's branch of the People's club tonight, have reached the hands of children older than those for whom it is intended. Children between the ages of 4 and 10 only are invited. Older ones will not be admitted. The tickets were given to children who attended the summer playground school managed by the Middlesex Women's club, and there will be room for only a hundred of the little folks. A good time is assured to all the fortunate ones of the required ages and gifts and feasting galore will be there.

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Middlesex, ss.

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Whereas, a petition has been presented to said court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to ANNIE S. BACON of Lowell, in the county of Middlesex without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held in Cambridge, in said county of Middlesex on the second day of January, A. D. 1900, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation, once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-third day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

S. H. FOLSOM, Register.

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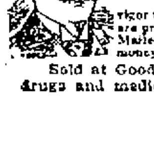

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SUN LATEST
FIVE O'CLOCK.

THE BRITISH GLOOM

Not Lightened by Churchill's Account of the Situation

He Defends Gen. Buller's Action—The Boer Camp at Tugela River Impregnable—Shipload of Canned Meat From New York

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Mr. Winston Churchill's arrival at Chieveley Camp is perhaps responsible for some over-coloring of the gravity of the situation but all today's news conveys the impression that General Buller may be intending another attack upon the Boer position. At both Modder River and the Tugela, the Boers are said to be strengthening their forces and extending defence works which in both cases are seemingly almost impregnable.

Despatches from Chieveley indicate that General Buller's forces will remobilize at Frere before attempting another advance. Doubtless he would be glad to retrieve the Colenso reverse before the arrival of Lord Roberts, yet he is hardly likely to attempt another frontal attack. It is more likely that he is preparing to strike should the Boers make any offensive movement.

The Boer trench work is so good that it enables the enemy to hold a long line with few men and to travel great distances under perfect cover, so as to rapidly reinforce any point attacked.

The Times which comments editorially upon the severe strain says: "It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that our troubles are due to the unreality of the presumedly practical lessons given in the manoeuvres at Aldershot."

The rebels have formed a laager at a point about 30 miles west of Modder River camp. It is also announced that the Boers have raised the siege of Kuruman.

Mr. Churchill's reference to Ladysmith may imply that the situation of the garrison is more desperate than had been supposed.

The Boers continue fortifying hills commanding the town. General White however, heliographs that all was well in Ladysmith on Dec. 26.

Competent military critics in London regard the campaign as at a complete deadlock for the present, owing to the dispersal of the British forces and the lack of adequate transports. They believe it will be many weeks before Lord Roberts is able to re-organize and to make an offensive move.

Despatches from Modder River represent Dutch disaffection in Griqualand west as growing very serious. In some towns the entire Dutch population has joined the Boers.

A despatch to the Times from Mafeking dated December 11 by way of Mochudi, December 19 says that Lady Sarah Wilson, aunt of the Duke of Marlborough, who was captured by the Boers while acting as correspondent for a London paper has arrived there, having been exchanged for Viljoen, a notorious horse thief and convict.

SCOUTS LOCATE BOERS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHIEVELEY CAMP, Natal, Dec. 28.—Our scouts have reported Boers in force on this side of the Tugela river, three regiments of regulars, supported by artillery and all the available mounted volunteers under the command of Lord Dundonald, advanced. The Boers retired across the river. The British captured 500 cattle.

A RECONNOISANCE RETIRED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

KIMBERLY, Wednesday, Dec. 20.—At 2.30 this morning mounted detachments under Col. Peakman, with three maxims and three seven-pounders under Major May, reconnoitered. Leaving the entrenchments, the British advanced on Tollpan. The Boer pickets fired and our maxims replied, the Boers disappearing over the ridge.

Our guns then began to shell Tollpan at a range of 2500 yards. A Boer gun dropped four shells near our men, but did no damage. As the Boers were strongly entrenched, we withdrew. Their guns are well placed.

SHIPLOAD OF CANNED MEAT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The Record today says:

The English government has sent a ship to the United States and the packers of Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha and Milwaukee will load it with 3,000,000 pounds of canned meats for use in South Africa. The boat was reported from New York yesterday and will sail as soon as it is loaded. For two weeks from five to ten carloads of canned meats have been loaded at the stock yards daily for New York.

CHURCHILL DEFENDS BULLER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 28—The Morning Post received the following from Winston Spencer Churchill under date of December 26, telegraphed from Chieveley Camp where he has arrived:

"All ranks have complete confidence in Sir Redvers Buller and there is a stern determination to succeed next time at all costs. A painful impression was caused by the announcement of the change of commander-in-chief and the soldiers here are resolved to vindicate their trusted leader. The situation, nevertheless is difficult, the Boer position being one of extraordinary strength with high hills lined tier upon tier with trenches and galleries, rising from an almost unfordable river and with a smooth plain in front. The enemy have all the ranges marked and many powerful guns dominate parts of the river, while drifts are commanded by converging musketry from probably 12,000 Boers. There are 16 miles of wild, broken country before reaching Ladysmith which demands early relief."

BOERS SUFFERED HEAVILY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CAPE TOWN, Dec 28—The colonel commanding the Canadian contingent of troops, Col. Russard, is to join the staff of General Buller, all of whom are proceeding to Natal, indicating that General Buller's sphere will shortly be confined to Natal.

A man named Green, a former sergeant-major of the British balloon department, is among the Boer prisoners captured at Magersfontein. Green, who deserted from Aldershot in 1893, admitted he had been some time in the service of the Boers and had instructed them in trenching. He says there were 23,000 Boers at Magersfontein, 21,000 of whom were engaged the day of the battle. The Boer losses he also asserts, were very heavy, the trenches being full of dead. Green further declares that if the attack had been pressed the Boers would have yielded and says the Boer horses have to be taken to the Modder river, as water is scarce at Magersfontein.

GERMANS ARRESTED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DURBAN, Natal, Wednesday, Dec. 27—A German farmer named Stucke and the Rev. Mr. Hartes, director of the Hanoverian missions in Natal, have been arrested and imprisoned at Estcourt, on the charge of aiding the Boers. They both claim the protection of the German government.

NATAL PREMIER DEAD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DURBAN, Natal, Wednesday, Dec. 28—Mr. Harry Escombe, a former premier of Natal, died suddenly on the street this afternoon.

The Right H n. Harry Escombe was born in Nottinghill, L ndon, England, in 1838. He entered the legislative council of Natal in 1872, was created attorney-general 1893 and later became prime minister of the colony. He was the commander of the Natal Naval Volunteers with the delative rank of lieutenant-colonel in the volunteer forces.

METHUEN REPORTS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The war office has received the following from Cape Town, dated Wednesday, December 27:

"Methuen reports as follows:

"At 3.30 yesterday evening, the Boers on the south side of the Magersfontein opened a very heavy fire for some time. This morning the naval brigade fired at the enemy at the west part of Magersfontein. The cavalry brigade is reconnoitring in a northeasterly direction. Lieut. Masters has made an extended reconnaissance westward and northward of Enslin and reports all well. The farmers were glad to see our men. They were suffering from want of food. I have established a market here where I can purchase fresh milk and vegetables selling to the farmers tea and other articles which they cannot otherwise purchase. Heavy rain fell last night. Gatacre and French report no change in the situation. Baden-Powell reports all well December 12th."

AN EASTERN WAR

Predicted by Japan in the Spring

FRANCE AND RUSSIA MOVING ON CHINA

Japan Adding to Her Naval Strength

AND IS STORING UP RICE

Powers to Take Advantage of England

By Associated Press to The Sun.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 28.—The City of London arrived here today from the Orient with news of a prospective war between Russia and Japan. Her officers say that all Japan now believes that hostilities will break out between these two nations in the spring. Before the steamer left Japan that kingdom was buying up great quantities of rice and even making arrangements for transports to make a demonstration in Korea. Great activity prevails on all sides in Japanese naval circles. A Shanghai report says that Russia has dispatched three warships to Masampo, the bone of contention now causing strained relations between the two nations.

MAHER'S ILL LUCK

His Little Girl Died on Christmas

HE HAS RETURNED TO TRAINING

The Betting on Maher-McCoy Fight

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WESTCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 28.—The first train yesterday brought Peter Maher, the Irish pugilist, back to his training quarters in this place after a brief stay with his family in Philadelphia. Maher was very sad on his return, as the little girl born to his wife on Christmas day died soon afterward. The child was buried yesterday.

Gloomy as Maher was he did not forget his approaching battle. Donning a sweater he started out with his trainers, Peter Burns and Peter Lowry, for a jaunt through Westchester. The men who were accompanied by Maher's three dogs, ran across country to Fort Schuyler and then along the short road to New Rochelle. The morning air was brisk and it was hard for Peter to get up a sweat. Peter, whose wind is fine, beat his trainers home.

In the afternoon a crowd of New York sports who have money to wager on the Maher-McCoy battle, visited the former's training quarters and watched him work. Maher spent two hours and a half in the gymnasium. After using the dumbbells, Peter sparred five rounds with Burns. Several times the Irish fighter had his man groggy. Maher then skipped the rope and threw the medicine ball around for a half hour.

Peter's foot work is fine. He is very shifty, and is all over his man when he least expects it. Maher has predicted that the battle will not last more than 12 rounds. His plan of fighting is to start and wear McCoy out early in the battle. When the "Kid" is weak Peter calculates on delivering his terrible right hook upon the jaw which will end the fight.

The sports who witnessed Maher today say that he was never in as good condition and that he showed well in a mix-up, and his wind is perfect. They were well pleased with him.

Billy Smith of Westchester, "Fitts" burg Phil's brother, has placed $5000 in small bets during the last week upon Maher. Yesterday, Peter Burns one of Maher's trainers, wagered $[illegible] with John Schlock that Maher would beat McCoy. Billy Williams placed $1000 against $600 with John Shea that Maher would win.

19TH ENDS NEW YEAR.

Editor Sun: Dear Sir—Would you kindly inform me through the columns of your valuable paper tonight whether 1900 will be the last year of the (19th) nineteenth century or the first year of the (20th) twentieth and oblige

Yours respectfully,

SUN READER.

The year 1900 will complete the 19th century and on January 1, 1901, the new century will commence. For further information see The Sun of Saturday last and of Monday, Dec. 18th, for the facts and authorities on this matter.—Ed.

WELCOME.

Employes of the Lowell bleachery are cordially invited to attend the meeting of the Print Workers' Protective association which will take place at the Burke's hall at two o'clock sharp Sunday afternoon.

(Signed) COMMITTEE.

26TH. REGIMENT

Two of Its Soldiers Were Injured

COL. LOCKETT AVENGES LAWTON'S DEATH

Civil Marriages Allowed in Philippines

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28—Gen. Otis at Manila, sent to the war department yesterday the following list of casualties not previously reported:

Killed in action, engagement near Benan, Dec. 11, 3rd, Cavalry, A, Harry Sweger, Chas. W. Fraze; action against Romblon, Panay, Dec. 10, 18th Infantry, Charles J. Feley.

Wounded—William J. Sheesey, hospital corps, abdomen and head, slight, wounded and taken prison during attack on train near Angeles, Sept. 22, escaped during engagement near Mangartan, Nov. 28; action near Alimodian, Panay, Nov. 26, 26th Infantry, F, Thoros Russel Russell, foot, slight; H, John Nulean, thigh, severe; 18th Infantry, A, William A. Hicks, arm, severe; action, Lagnaan, Samar, Dec. 7, 6th Infantry, M, Payton, M, Womnack, slight; Reed M. Kenny, shoulder, attack on Gidganan, Samaro, Dec. 8, 6th Infantry D., Raymond D. Burbee, thigh, slight; William Huggard, both wrists, slight; advance on Sibul, Dec. 10, 4th cavalry, B, Lorenzo A. Declairmont, corporal, chest, moderate; H, Winthrop Richardson, corporal, thigh, severe; action Ivo, Dec. 19, 25th Infantry, E, Gish Wade, leg, slight; action near Tarlac, Dec. 10, 25th Infantry, Burt McCoy, corporal, thigh, severe.

CIVIL MARRIAGES ALLOWED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Gen. Otis has issued a decree authorizing the celebration of civil marriages in the Philippines. He cabled Secretary Root to that effect yesterday, and the secretary approved the action.

Heretofore all marriages were celebrated by the Catholic church, so that Protestants and non-Christians were prohibited from marrying. The decree does not interfere with the Catholics, who may be married according to their own rites, but extends the privilege of civil marriage to those who desire it, just as is practised in the United States.

LAWTON IS AVENGED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MANILA, Dec. 28.—Col. Lockett, with a force of 2500 men, including artillery, attacked yesterday morning a strong force of insurgents intrenched in the mountains near Montalban, about five miles northeast of San Mateo. The enemy was completely routed, the Americans pursuing them through the hills, amid which they fled in every direction.

Four Americans were wounded. The Filipino loss was large, resulting from a heavy infantry and artillery fire for three hours into the trenches.

It is supposed that the insurgents were those who were driven out of San Mateo on the day Gen. Lawton was killed. They numbered probably 1000.

A dozen lines of insurgent trenches covered the steep trail through the hills and likewise the valley below, along which the Americans passed. The main attacking party consisted of the 46th volunteer infantry, a troop of cavalry and the artillery, Col. Lockett commanding in person.

The rest of the command operated from remote points in an endeavor to carry out Col. Lockett's plan of throwing his lines around the enemy, and thus cutting off retreat. The nature of the mountainous country made it impracticable to execute this movement successfully.

After the insurgents began to run there was a vain attempt to use artillery.

SHARP ENGAGEMENT

WAS THAT IN WHICH MAJOR LOGAN WAS KILLED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Mail advices have reached the war department in regard to the crushing defeat administered by Wheaton's brigade to the insurgents near San Jacinto, early in November, in which engagement Major John A. Logan, Jr., lost his life. According to the correspondent of the Manila American, the 33d infantry under Col. Hare, encountered a force of the enemy between San Fabyian and San Jacinto, and brought on one of the sharpest engagements of the war resulting in the death of more insurgents than in any other fight since the beginning of the insurrection. The battle raged for two hours and at its conclusion 77 dead Filipinos were found in the trenches. Many wounded were found hidden in the high grass and creek bottoms.

It is estimated that over 100 insurgents were killed in the fight. Twenty-nine prisoners and 105 rifles were captured. The Americans lost one officer, killed and six wounded.

The officer killed was Major John A. Logan, Jr., who was shot through the head during the first few minutes of the engagement while at the head of his battalion, which formed an advance guard. He was in the act of assisting a wounded soldier and was hit by a Mauser bullet, fired by a sharpshooter concealed in the top of a cocoanut tree. He died a few hours later.

ONE AMERICAN KILLED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MANILA, Dec. 28.—It now appears that one American was killed in the attack upon the Subig garrison yesterday by General Santa Ana.

MISSING TELLER ARRESTED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—J. J. Herbert, the missing teller of the defunct Ville Marie Bank, was arrested in this city this morning.

Mr. Philip Trombley, custodian of the Masonic Temple building in Merrimack street, has gone on a visit to friends and relatives in Montreal.

WANTED—Table girl at 98 John street.

WANTED—Three furnished rooms for light housekeeping, within eight minutes of post office. Address J. A., care Sun.

STOLE A MIRROR

Ellen Tuttle Arraigned in Police Court

WAS SENTENCED TO THE WORKHOUSE

Many Drunks Before Judge Hadley Today

According to Agent Richardson of the Humane society, Michael Hogan has been drinking very heavily during the past two weeks and his family, consisting of a wife and five little children, has been in hard circumstances since Christmas. Hogan lived with his family on Worthen street and last night Agent Richardson and Officer Boyle went to Hogan's house and found him there in a state of drunkenness. He was arrested and appeared before Judge Hadley in the police court this morning.

He was charged with drunkenness, and it was his second offence within a year. He promised that if given another chance he would take the pledge and would look after his family. Agent Richardson said that when Hogan is not drinking he is a good husband and father and a hard worker. The court after severely lecturing the defendant, ordered him placed in charge of the probation officer for a term of six months.

John J. Cummings, a young able-bodied man, was only released from the state farm at Bridgewater yesterday morning after serving a term of that institution for drunkenness. On arriving in Lowell he went to a house on Cross street, where he got to drinking with a woman. Officer Markham was called to the house early in the evening and found them both gloriously drunk and quite noisy. The officer arrested both of them.

Cummings has an aged mother and a sister who is under constant medical treatment, but he does not help either of them. He said he has work to go to in the Merrimack print works and asked the court for another chance. He was also placed on probation for a term of six months.

Edward Reynolds and his wife, Sarah, were up for drunkenness and both pleaded guilty. Both are old offenders. Edward was sent four months to the workhouse and Sarah five months to jail.

John Nugent, who has been out of jail only two weeks, was in again today for drunkenness. He was returned to jail for a term of four months.

Patrick Cryan, a second offender, was assessed $6.

Two simple offenders were discharged by the court.

Delia Kenney and Ella McNamara were placed on probation.

Peter McQuade, a first offender, who was arrested with Nugent, was fined $2.

Ellen Tuttle pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny of a mirror from Joanna E. Turner of John street. The mirror was valued at $2 and was taken from the hallway by defendant and pawned. The court sentenced Ellen to the workhouse for a term of five months. She was before the court for drunkenness some years ago, but other than that has no record.

The continued case of William Clark, charged with the larceny of $1.65 from Annie Holland, was continued again, owing to the complainant failing to appear in court. It was put over till tomorrow.

The case of George Lavalee, charged with illegally removing baggage, was continued one month for trial.

Seven of the drunks were arrested by Officer Markham last night.

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Forecast for Boston and vicinity: Fair tonight and Friday; light westerly winds.

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Operatives Say That Entire Room Quit

Amid the general prosperity that is evident on all sides, the struggle of labor and capital goes on and a strike is reported from the finishing room of the carpet mills.

An operative states that a committee from the Brussels finishing room made a formal demand for an increase of wages early this morning, impressing the fact that all woolen mills have increased wages except the Carpet mills.

Agent Lyon, he further states, took no stock in their demand and as a result all the help in the Brussels finishing room, over 100 in number, went out in a body and will hold a meeting this afternoon.

The Sun reporter talked with Agent Lyon over the telephone and he stated that only 15 employes who are employed on rugs went out on strike, but the finishing room was closed down after they went out.

JOHN DORNAN

MAY BE CHARGED WITH A SERIOUS CRIME.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

EVERETT, Mass., Dec. 28.—John Dornan of this city was arrested yesterday, charged with assault but the charge may be changed tomorrow, as Patrick McElroy, the man he is alleged to have assaulted is now at the Whidden memorial hospital in a precarious condition.

General C. A. R. Dimon is still in Salem, his condition not warranting his removal yesterday. No dangerous symptoms are feared if he does not have a hemorrhage.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Keefe of Cabot street are receiving congratulations. It is a 10-pound boy, born Thursday.

Miss Sallie T. Pike of Salisbury, Mass is the guest of Mrs. Lorenzo A. Folsom of Appleton street.

FUNERALS.

MACKEY—The funeral of Joan Maxwell Mackey, was held yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock from her late home, 48 Franklin street. Rev. W. A. Bartlett officiated and the bearers were relatives of the deceased. Interment was in the Lowell cemetery under the direction of Undertaker Currier.

KEOUGH—Yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock the funeral of the late Bridget Keough took place from her home, 4 Hampshire place, off Hampshire street. The funeral was very largely attended and there was a profusion of floral tributes. The casket was borne by the following gentlemen: Martin Larney, Thomas Munnion, John Killeen and John Bathall. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery under the direction of Undertaker C. H. Molloy.

FRECHETTE—A mass of requiem was celebrated yesterday morning at 8 o'clock over the remains of the late Rosalie Frechette at St. Jean Baptiste church. Rev. Fr. Fournier, O. M. I., was celebrant. The bearers were Joseph and Arthur Lamarre, Henry Simard and Thomas Durand. Interment was in St. Joseph's cemetery, under the direction of Undertaker Joseph A. Albert.

VARNEY—Funeral services over the remains of little Ruth Mabel, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Varney, were held Tuesday afternoon at the home of her parents on Ash street. Rev. C. E. Fisher officiating, and Undertaker Currier in charge. Burial was in the Lowell cemetery.

MITCHELL—The funeral of Mrs. Gertrude L. Mitchell took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from 1401 Middlesex street. Services were held at the house, Rev. Mr. Bennington officiating. There were numerous floral pieces from her many friends. The bearers were Joseph E. Rock, John Cutrumbes, Henry Lorenen and John H. McMahon. Interment was in the Edson cemetery, under the direction of Undertaker J. F. O'Donnell.

SMITH—The remains of Michael Smith, the boy who was drowned yesterday while skating on Beaver brook in Dracut, will be shipped to Amesbury tomorrow noon for interment.

DEATHS

MINTER—Mrs. Ellerlt Minter, aged 72 years, wife of James M. Minter, died yesterday at her late home, 93 Rolfe street. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at half past two o'clock.

CHURCHILL—Sadie L. Churchill, aged 23 years, died yesterday at her late residence, 791 Middlesex street.

PROULX—Leontine Proulx, wife of Leon Proulx, aged 35 years, died Tuesday night at her late residence, 9 Knapp's Block, Moody street.

REPORT NOT BELIEVED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The publication of the Lokalanzeiger of Berlin of the secret treaty between Germany, Portugal and Great Britain, providing for the partition of the Portuguese colonies, meets with no credence in official circles here. A foreign office official said to a representative of the Associated Press that their advices from Portugal and Germany left no doubt that the publication was largely invention.

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THE SUN LATEST!

5 O'CLOCK

SHOE WORKERS

New National Organization Talked of in Lynn

BREAK AWAY FROM PRESENT ONE

Opinion of Labor Trades on Matter

A special from Lynn to the Boston Transcript says:

With the opening of the new year a movement among the recently organized shoe workers, which has slowly been forming, will probably take definite form. It will be bitterly opposed and strenuously supported, as sentiment appears to be nearly evenly divided upon the issue. It is nothing less than to form the nucleus of a national organization of shoe workers to take the place of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union. Already there are many members of the associations which have broken loose from the national body, regretting the action that they have taken and convinced that it would have been the better policy to have stood by the national union. On the other hand, a large proportion of those who have stood by the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union are dissatisfied with the high per capita tax and the new constitution.

The first week in January the Hand Turn Workmen's Union, recently organized, with well organized unions in Haverhill, Portsmouth, Lynn, Salem and other places, will meet in convention for the purpose of forming an independent organization. The Lasters' unions of Essex county took similar action over a year ago. The Cutters' Union of Brockton and other cities are not satisfied with the new constitution, and should a new body be formed, including the organized lasters and handturn workmen, it is believed that many of these unions would come in with them.

Captain Curry, one of the leading labor men of this city, formerly prominent in arbitration matters and thoroughly conversant with the situation in the labor field here, takes a pessimistic view of the matter. "It is a sign of the weakness of the union shoe workers," he said. "It is a body breaking up into component particles. Machinery has dealt the union shoe workers' organizations such a blow from which they can never recover. They were foolish enough to waste their strength in fighting the installation of machinery instead of recognizing that it was inevitable. A labor organization is a trust. Only as long as that trust can control labor is it strong. In leaving the national bodies, no matter what the causes were, the local shoe workers' unions have committed a fatal mistake. In this city alone there are over 12,000 shoe workers. Formerly over half of those employed in the shoe factories were connected with labor organizations and these with national bodies. Today there are not over 1200 shoe factory employes in Lynn who are members of labor unions. That fraction is too small to have any real influence upon the labor market, as their control is little of the product required."

A member of one of the Lynn lasters' unins believes that the step taken by the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union in raising the dues to the present high figure was a wise one, and that only in that direction lies any hope for organized shoe workers. "We have failed in the past," he said, "because we had no funds to fall back upon in our hours of need. With the new constitution provision is made for a strike fund, which must grow no matter what opposition is shown. It would not bear so hard upon the local unions because the death fund and strike fund of the main union could be drawn upon when needed and only the actual running expenses of the local unions would have to be looked after by the local secretary. It would save us a great deal of expense in books and other supplies."

The main cause of the opposition to the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union is the feeling which has been fostered by those opposed to the policy of President Tobin and Secretary Eaton, that these two men are dominating the union, and that only by drawing away entirely from this body and forming a new organization can the local unions have any voice in the control of the policy of a national association of shoe workers.

It is impossible to tell what action the Lynn Lasters' union will take under its present conservative leadership. Secretary Wadleigh refuses to discuss the situation. He has succeeded by energetic effort in placing this union once more on its feet, with a slowly increasing membership. It is noticeable that since he has assumed control of the union it has not had any strike lasting over half a day, and it has been successful in obtaining higher prices in more than one factory, while there has been less friction between employers and employed than has prevailed here for years. Should this union declare for a new national body and unite with the handturn workmen's organization, the other lasters' unions in this section of the state would follow suit, and the foundation of a new organization would be already laid.

There is a possibility that there will be a bolt back to the Boot and Shoe Workers' union next year, by the organizations which have left it, as the union is accumulating a fund for the new methods and the need of a national organization is imperative.

IN PRISON GARB

JOHN FENDINGER, A CONVICT, CLAIMS MARY RYAN.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Dressed in regulation prison attire, black and white stripes, John Fendinger, felon, twenty-nine years old, now serving a year's sentence in the penitentiary on Blackwell's Island for larceny, was on Sunday married to Mary Ryan, twenty-five years, pretty and rosy-cheeked. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Knoll, one of the chaplains of the institution.

Weddings rarely take place within those grim walls, this being the first in about four years. Romance finds no place in the life of a convict—stern discipline forbids. But this was an unusual case, one that touched with touches of human interest. Warden J. J. Fallon, naturally a kind-hearted man, listened to the appeals of the couple. He relented and for once the rules were relaxed.

GENERAL STORE BURNED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SHARON, Conn., Dec. 28.—The general store of C. B. Dakin & Co., was totally destroyed by fire last night, entailing a total loss of about $17,000; $10,000 on the stock, and $7,000 on the building, nearly covered by insurance.

Handsome souvenirs at Foresters' Ball, Friday evening, Dec. 29.

Your Liver

Will be roused to its natural duties and your biliousness, headache and constipation be cured if you take

Hood's Pills

Sold by all druggists. 25 cents.

FRANK S. MONNETT, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OHIO.

FOUND A FOSSIL

That Weighs About Six Tons

By Associated Press to The Sun.

VALPARAISO, Chili, Nov. 27.—A fossil evidently pachinsorle and a cross between an alligator and a lizard, was found at Caldera, a seaport of Chili in the province of Atacama, on a line bay, by Mr. Archie Mackenzie, August 26 last, lying on a sunken rock near the north beach. He reported the find to the authorities and by order of the Intelidente, Senor Carlos Sayago, it was lifted out of the water in sections and brought ashore, where it was photographed. It is now being boxed, preparatory to removing it to Valparaiso.

Evidently an uncommonly low tide at the time of the discovery had washed back the sand which perhaps had covered the fossil for many years and left it exposed to view. It is believed to weigh six tons and measures in length approximately 28 feet 11 inches. The head is nine feet long and the tail 14 feet 11 inches long. Across the back it measures 9 feet 9 inches. The fossil is well petrified and has considerable stone or "loza" hanging to it.

A BLOODY WAR

Eleven Villages Destroyed by Heavy Slaughter

By Associated Press to The Sun.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 28.—News has been received by the steamer Aorangi of a bloody civil war which has been raging among the natives of Kirwani, New Guinea. In the fighting, the head chief was defeated and eleven villages were destroyed with heavy slaughter.

RESIDENCE BURNED

YOUNG LADY REMOVED FROM BURNING BUILDING.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SOUTHPORT, Conn., Dec. 28.—The residence of Alfred Chambers on Sasco Heights, was totally destroyed by fire early this morning with a loss of about $6,500. Miss Chambers, a daughter, who was ill with pneumonia, was removed from the burning house with much difficulty and the shock rendered her condition serious.

COL. CODY PROTESTS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Since the recent announcement of the new policy of the interior department discountenancing wild Indian exhibitions, the department has been deluged with both written and oral inquiries. Col. W. F. Cody has protested that the action will nearly ruin his business.

SQUIRE CREDITORS MEET.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—About a dozen creditors of Frank O. Squire & Co. met at the office of Hon. George Fred Williams yesterday and after discussing the situation for more than an hour adjourned without taking any action. Mr. Williams stated that he attended the meeting of the creditors of the John P. Squire Co. a week ago, and was refused any standing there because he represented a creditor of Frank O. Squire. Mr. Williams said he had begun suit in behalf of his client, who holds notes amounting to $25,000 and had succeeded in placing a special attachment upon a house in this city which had been conveyed by Mr. Squire to H. W. Chaplin, assignee of the John P. Squire company.

BIG FIRE

CAUSED A LOSS OF OVER $5,000.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 28.—The three story building on the north side of Washington street, between Meridian and Illinois streets, occupied by Bresnan Bros., dry goods, was badly damaged by fire late this morning. The firm loses about $3,000, two-thirds of which was covered by insurance. The building was owned by Edward Schurmann and was damaged several thousand dollars.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WILIMANTIC, Conn., Dec. 28.—A two-story wooden building on Walnut street, owned by Judge John M. Hall, was destroyed by fire early this morning, causing a total loss of about $1,000; insured.

THE CHIEF DANGER

To This Republic Lies in Trusts

SO SAYS ATTY. GEN. MONNETT

Declares People are Defied by Trusts

ATTACKS STANDARD OIL METHODS

And Stands for the Sovereignty of the People

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Hon. Frank S. Monnett, the attorney-general of Ohio, well known throughout the United States as an uncompromising opponent of trusts, made an interesting address before the 20th Century Club last evening in the hall of Boston University law school on "The Abdication of Sovereignty."

The hall was well filled by members of the club and their friends. Mr. Monnett said:

"I want to demonstrate to you tonight that the most potent weapon of oppression is that club that was as sovereign people hand over to certain favored interests and they in turn having thus seized the mace of governmental authority, pervert it to their own use and for their own self-aggrandizement in defiance of the rights of the great majority of individuals or citizens composing such sovereignty."

The speaker then discussed at some length the application of the people of the eminent domain as applied to transportation facilities, quoting from court records the decisions of eminent jurists in cases in point. Continuing, he said:

"I maintain that if by a great aggregation of capital a pipe line company may ramify all the oil of the fields with its system and connect with the manufacturing centres, which it in turn so controls as to prevent all competition and is enabled to destroy all competitors then the state and federal government for the good of the common men and the common welfare, has the power and right, and it is its duty to interfere.

"I believe that I can safely assert that very little injury has ever been done through the accumulation of capital in the manufacturing business or in other producing departments, so long as the competitors had an equal chance through the markets at the transportation departments.

"It is the millions that have been made from the favoritism obtained through the governmental grants or recognized in the transportation department as above illustrated that are disarranging the great commercial and economic conditions of today. The $100,000,000 owned by a little coterie of the Standard Oil magnates, the $1,500,000,000 controlled in the iron, coal, copper and other industries by a limited number of capitalists, represent the fruit of this illegal abuse of the governmental functions."

The speaker then took up, at length, evidence presented before the Ohio trust investigation commission, with reference to the methods of business of the Standard Oil company, and also referred to testimony given before the industrial commission at Washington, to show the arrogance of monopolies, especially of the Standard Oil company of Ohio.

"We have," he continued, "in this, the close of the 19th century, a spectacle of grants of corporate power, creatures of the state, more powerful than the creator, subverting the legislature, delaying judicial proceedings, defying courts, or in other words, treating the United States and the state of Ohio as they have treated the railroads; compelling servitude on the part of the state, rather than the state retaining its sovereignty over its creatures. It is as complete an abdication of sovereignty, so far as this octopus is concerned, as any of a sovereign in history.

"Their attack upon every public official who dares to lift his finger or exercise his office against their encroachments may be bitter and may destroy that individual, but let another step forward and fill the gap. Step forward, march on, shoulder to shoulder and recover our lost power, assert the sovereignty of the state over its creatures; if necessary even by revoking the charters and conducting the transportation department by the state itself."

MUSIC HALL

The Victoria Burlesquers will open this evening at Music Hall, also tomorrow, Saturday and matinee. This company played here early in the season and gave so much satisfaction Manager W. H. Broody deemed it his duty to give them a return date, which he has done for the patrons of Music Hall. It is expected that the house will be crowded at every performance as the advance sale of tickets for this evening is very large.

SOLEMN SERVICE

Over the Remains of Late Supt. Begley

The remains of the late Philip T. Begley were consigned to their final resting place yesterday in the Needham cemetery.

A requiem high mass was celebrated in the morning at St. Mary's church, Newton Upper Falls. Rev. M. E. Begley of Weymouth, a brother of the deceased, celebrated mass and was assisted by Rev. Daniel Kelliher of Medway as deacon; Rev. C. I. Riordan of St. Mary's, sub-deacon; and Rev. Matthew J. Flaherty of St. John's seminary, master of ceremonies. A number of priests were also in the sanctuary.

The church was crowded with a sorrowing throng, in which was a large delegation which came from the scene of Mr. Begley's recent activities. About 100 employes of the Lowell and Suburban company represented that corporation and many other friends from Lowell and elsewhere were present.

The pallbearers were Messrs. J. S. Murphy, J. P. Haggerty, Thomas A. Kerrivan, Thomas Daly, D. H. Leary and Thomas Murphy.

Floral tributes, many and beautiful, also attested the high esteem in which Mr. Begley was held. The employes of the Lowell and Suburban sent a magnificent standard of flowers to "Our Superintendent"; General Manager P. F. Sullivan and wife, wreath; Mr. J. S. Murphy, large bouquet; Mr. J. B. Fitzpatrick, ivy wreath and violets; Mr. E. T. Chandler, wreath; also wreaths and flowers from Mr. N. E. Morton, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Beede and many others.

The music by the choir was of a very impressive character, the singing of the "Benedictus" and "Nearer, my God, to Thee," touching many to tears. Miss Margaret Sullivan, the organist, directed the music, which was given by Miss Alice Sullivan and Miss Mary Daly, sopranos, Mr. Hurley, tenor, Messrs. James Sullivan and Joseph Murphy, baritones, Mr. Harry Cleary of Roxbury also assisted.

After the mass, Rev. T. J. Danaher, rector of St. Mary's, delivered a short but eloquent eulogy.

AN EXPLANATION

Wanted by Mazet From Lawyer Moss

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Frank Moss's alleged officiousness in circulating his own views as to what the Mazet committee should recommend to the legislature, coupled with the acceptance of them by many as conclusions likely to be finally reached by that body, provoked Chairman Mazet to write Moss a very tart letter. He demands an explanation as to why Moss had furnished the report for publication either Saturday or Sunday last, while members of the committee were unable to get copies of it until yesterday. Mazet argued that had a lawyer committed such an offense toward a client he would be liable to disbarment. As Moss is the paid counsel for the Mazet committee the application is obvious.

Moss replied, substantially that a newspaper having printed a fragmentary and garbled account of his report he had felt justified in giving the entire report to remove misapprehension. So serious is the friction between Moss and Mazet and other members of the committee because of the alleged breach of faith that the chairman is now hard at work upon an entirely new report. The meeting called for Thursday next has been called off, and Mazet says he cannot just say when the committee will get together. That gathering, when it does occur, promises to be sensational in the mutual criminations and recriminations which may pass between counsel and members. Not one of the latter received a copy of Moss's digest until yesterday. Moss, however, avers that all were mailed on Saturday last.

Assemblyman Wilson of Brooklyn, one of the republican members of the committee, said: "Mr. Moss's conduct in procuring the publication of his report before we members got a copy of it was unjustifiable. I have yet to receive my copy."

Mr. Wilson intimated that whatever Moss had written would be promptly repudiated at the next meeting of the Mazet committee.

Chairman Mazet denied that he and his fellow members proposed to punish Moss by curtailing his counsel fee.

PADDED CELL

A MUCH NEEDED ACQUISITION TO THE LOWELL JAIL.

At last, The Sun's suggestion of some time ago for a padded cell at the Lowell jail has been acted upon for Deputy Sheriff Baker has had a cell prepared for the reception of delirium tremens cases. It is 9 by 5 1-2 feet, and is considered one of the best of its kind in the state.

Sheriff Fairbairn inspected the new cell yesterday and pronounced it properly constructed. While in the city, Sheriff Fairbairn visited Supt. Wyman at the city farm and inspected that institution. He was highly pleased with his visit there and complimented Supt. Wyman on the excellent care taken of the inmates.

MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Impressive memorial services in memory of the late Duke of Westminster were held in Westminster Abbey today. Representatives of Emperor William and most of the English royalty were present. Mme. Albani sang a solo. Mr. A. J. Balfour, the diplomatic corps, and many other notables also attended.

There was a similar service in Chester Cathedral. The queen's representative and all the municipal and county bodies were present. Mr. Henry White, secretary of the United States embassy, was among those who attended.

A BENEFIT MEETING.

This evening at 8 o'clock there will be a benefit meeting in old Odd Fellows' hall, Merrimack street, for the aid of Clinton Rollins, a former conductor of the Lowell & Suburban Street Railway company. The affair is under the direction of Mrs. Annie L. Jones and Miss Blanche Brainard of this city.

Court Middlesex, 16th anniversary ball at Associate hall, Friday evening, Dec. 29th.

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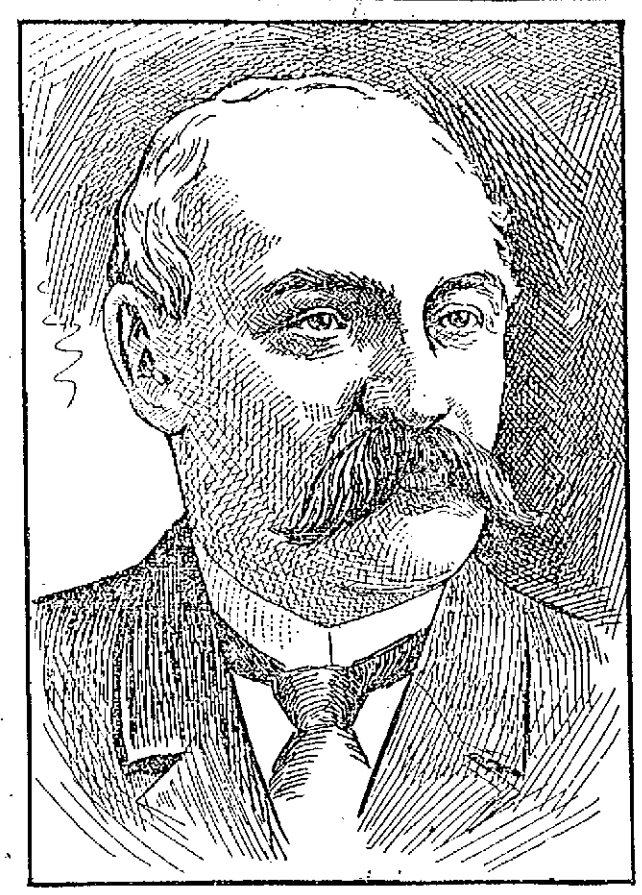

GRAND MASTER C. C. HUTCHINSON, WHO MADE AN ABLE ADDRESS AT THE MASONIC CELEBRATION IN BOSTON YESTERDAY.

In his address at the dedication of the Masonic Temple in Boston yesterday, Grand Master Hutchinson portrayed the legends of Masonry from the time of Solomon's temple to the founding of the order in the new world.

"We can almost find ourselves," he said, "standing in the splendid courts of that magnificent edifice amid the assembled multitude listening to the wonderful prayer of the Most Excellent Grand Master Solomon, invoking the blessing of the grand architect upon his work and beholding with bewildering amazement the flame as it descended upon the altar; overcome with awe by the shadow and glory of the Shekinah as they filled the whole house in approval of the perfectness of the work. As to Masonry, there has been no period in the world's history when it occupied a loftier or more honorable position before the civilized world, or embraced within its membership more of the intelligence and character of the age.

"Its purpose, power and systems; its character, plans of labor, its importance as a great moral and benevolent association are commanding the attention of the philanthropist and all good and true men are pressing forward to participate in its privileges. It is with sentiments congenial to our present undertaking that we have come today to dedicate this temple to the uses of the Masons. It is dedicated to the cause of intellectual improvement in the hope that the institution may here exert its most salutary influence, to the end that its name and mystery, surviving the decay of earthly temples, may be safely transmitted to future generations to faith, hope and charity, which shall abide when all else shall have passed away. We dedicate it in the name of that Almighty Being whose presence as a cloud filled the Temple of Solomon. May our love for it grow stronger and stronger, and may we say of it as Cardinal Richelieu said of his native land:

"France, I love thee;
All earth shall never pluck thee from my heart.
My mistress France! My wedded wife! Who shall proclaim divorce for thee and me?"

CHOATE'S ORDERS

To Inquire About Flour Seizure

ENGLAND'S RIGHT IS DOUBTED

Believed That It Will be Amicably Settled

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The seizure by British cruisers of cargoes of American flour in the vicinity of Delagoa bay has been unofficially reported to the state department, and the department has in turn sent instructions to Mr. Choate, our ambassador at London, to demand an explanation of the English authorities.

Until Mr. Choate's report has been received the state department authorities refuse to make any official statement. Unofficially there is no hesitation about discussing the seizures, the only restriction being that the names of officials shall not be used.

"The right of England to seize contraband on the high seas when consigned to a neutral port," a prominent official said, "is a doubtful one. Neutrals have a right to sell contraband of war to a belligerent, and that right carries with it the liability of capture and seizure.

"That right is recognized in the case of contraband consigned to the port of a belligerent; when consigned to a neutral port that right is more than doubtful, unless it can be clearly shown that the contraband was to be passed through the neutral territory to the belligerent's country.

"In the present instance, I understand, the cargoes were consigned to Lourenzo Marquez, a neutral Portuguese port. The English suspect that the contraband was to be shipped from Lourenzo Marquez to the Transvaal. Their suspicion is probably true, but mere belief is not sufficient. Unless they can conclusively prove that the flour was intended for the Transvaal or Orange Free State under international law there was no justification for the seizure of these cargoes by English cruisers.

"The case of the Transvaal is unique. Heretofore, when nations have gone to war, they have had ports, and it was to those ports that contraband was consigned. It was then easy to intercept cargoes, and vessels in which contraband was found could properly be seized as prizes.

"But the Transvaal has no port, and all its supplies enter through a neutral port, which is open to the commerce of the world, but brings about complications. The principle is well established.

"In Wharton's international law digest, a standard American authority, you will see it stated that it is of the very essence of the definition of contraband that the articles should have a hostile and not a neutral destination. Goods going to a neutral port cannot come under the description of contraband all goods going there being equally lawful.

"It having been shown that the property of neutrals to a neutral port may not be interfered with, and on the other hand, that belligerent has the right, to quote the words of Secretary of State Pickering, 'to capture and detain the merchant vessels of neutrals on just suspicion of having on board enemy's property, or of carrying to such enemy, such articles as are contraband of war,' the point involved is whether there is evidence enough, to show that, despite the ostensible port, the real destination was the Transvaal. It might be possible for this to be shown and conclusively proved, and in that case the seizures would be justified.

"However, I do not not apprehend the slightest trouble or friction as a result of these seizures. The British authorities will undoubtedly pay for all the cargoes they take, and I imagine it makes little difference to the ordinary shipper whether his flour feeds British or Boers.

"The state department is concerned in the principle involved. It cannot sanction the unlawful interference with American vessels, and will insist that the [illegible] be respected.

"There is still another curious phase to this case. As I understand, while the cargoes were the property of Americans, the ships were British and sailed under the British flag.

"The right of a nation to seize her own vessels cannot be questioned. How far that right extends to the cargo covered by the flag I frankly confess I am not prepared to say at this time. It is a novel question, and one which will require more careful thought.

"It might be held that the cargo was British as the ship was, but I am not prepared to admit that without further consideration. All I can say is that I do not believe any complications will follow which cannot be amicably adjusted."

SCIENTIFIC CLASSES

ELEVEN OF THEM IN SESSION AT YALE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 28.—The members of the eleven scientific societies meeting in this city this week conjointly with the American Society of Naturalists, gathered last evening for the initial meeting of the society in North Sheffield hall where Prof. Addison E. Verrill delivered an address on "The Geology and Natural History of the Bermudas" giving his own investigations in these islands. Previous to this gathering, most of the societies meeting here held at least one session during the day and several of them two sessions, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. A number of scientific papers were read and discussed at these meetings.

The reception under the auspices of the local committee for Yale university followed Prof. Verrill's address in the alumni hall, where the distinguished visitors to the number of several hundred were permitted an opportunity of social intercourse. Today the regular program of each of the eleven societies will follow out the program as announced. The meetings are all held in buildings of Yale University.

HISTORICAL CLASS

OF THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY AT BOSTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—A three days' session of the American Historical association was inaugurated yesterday with a good attendance of delegates from all over the United States. The speakers included Prof. H. E. Bourne of Western Reserve university, Prof. F. W. Williams of Yale; A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard; Rev. Prof. E. C. Smythe of Andover, Rev. W. G. Andrews of Guilford, Conn.; Rev. Dr. Burrage of Portland, Me.; all of whom presented interesting papers and at the evening session the welcome of the commonwealth was extended by Gov. Wolcott. President James Foote Rhodes of the association delivered his inaugural.

CHELMSFORD

The regular semi-monthly sociable of the Unitarian society was held last evening in the vestry. The usual substantial supper was served under the direction of Miss M. E. Richardson as matron, assisted by Mrs. H. H. Emerson, Mrs. James P. Emerson, Mrs. Howard S. Adams, Miss Mary Dix. The waiters were: Miss Martha E. Warren, Miss M. Hodgman, Miss Abbie Ford, Mr. Howard S. Adams. Besides two songs by lads, "Old Dog Tray" and "Uncle Ned," the interesting entertainment, under the direction of Mrs. Granville Pierce, was entitled "Pictures of Celebrities." These, 61 in all, were numbered and placed upon the walls and then the Yankee ingenuity of the company was taxed to determine the personality of the portraits. Two prizes were offered and were won respectively by Rev. Granville Pierce, who guessed 57, and Mrs. Wm. H. Hall, who identified 52.

The annual meeting of the proprietors of the Chelmsford social library will be held at the house of Miss Mary Richardson Monday evening, Jan. 1, at 7.45 o'clock. The principal business is to take action upon transferring the "Warren" fund and what remains of the "Adams Emerson" bequest to the town as there now seems to be no necessity to continue the corporation [illegible] the proprietors of the social library, their books having been transferred to the Adams public library.

Music Hall

Three days commencing Monday, Jan. 1, Wednesday matinee.

EXTRA.

Harry Ryan's Australian Burlesquers.

with Sam Collins, Minnie Cline and Bastus. Direct from Keith's Theatre, Philadelphia, Pa.

THE VICTORIAS,

Introducing

"A NIGHT IN CHINATOWN"

A Celestial Pantomimical Sensation, by Lin-Ching-Foo & Co. Also the One-Act Travesty,

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Under the Management of Frank G. Mack and Charles F. Dempsey.

The Ladies' Favorite Resort.
Vaudeville Most Refined and High Class.

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SPECIAL MATINEE XMAS DAY.
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School Board of '99 Goes Into History

TEACHER OF ELOCUTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Complimentary Remarks to Retiring Members

The school board held its last meeting of the year last evening and most of the time was devoted to the election of a teacher of elocution in the high school and the presentation of votes of thanks and complimentary remarks.

The following report of the committee on teachers was adopted:

"We recommend that a certificate of the sixth grade be given to Katherine Coggeshall, and that the certificate of George A. Willey which has lapsed on account of the two years limit be renewed.

"We recommend elections as follows: "Fred W. Putnam, Mary Hussey, Helen Buttrick, Ernest Everett and Katherine Coggeshall, to the high school; Hortense Lamere to the Franklin kindergarten; S. Alice Knapp to the Worthen street kindergarten; and Ethel Baker to the Charles street kindergarten.

"We recommend increase of salaries as follows: Thomas R. Fisher, from $950 to $1000; George F. Sturtevant, from $1000 to $1100; and Wm. F. Thornton from $900 to $1000, the latter to add to present duties, work in looking up absentees from the evening schools.

"We recommend that Miss Irene Weir of Brookline be engaged to teach drawing in the training school for the balance of the year at $5 per day.

"We recommend that the election of primary and grammar school teachers be postponed until the regular meeting in March, 1900.

"ANDREW G. SWAPP,
WILLARD EVERETT,
JAMES E. DONNELLY."

Before the adoption of the report, Chairman Swapp said in explanation of the last clause, that the training school started in for the year with an entire corps of new teachers. They took from the head of the list some of the best graduates of the training school, because they needed to strengthen the school on the start. That force has gradually been reduced, and an election now will upset the schools throughout the city.

The board then proceeded to the election of teachers, recommended in the report, with the exception of teacher of elocution and physical culture in the high school. The list was elected as above, with that one exception.

A ballot was then taken for teacher of elocution and physical culture, resulting as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 8; necessary for choice, 6; Adelaide E. Noyes, 1; Mary Joyce, 3; Mary Hussey, 4.

A second ballot gave the same result, and on the third ballot Miss Noyes' name was dropped and Miss Joyce received three votes. Miss Hussey five.

On motion of Mr. Donnelly, the committee took a ten-minute recess.

When the meeting was called to order again, another ballot was taken, resulting the same as the third.

On the 6th ballot, Miss Hussey received six of the eight votes, and was declared elected.

The truant commissioner's monthly report was read and accepted.

Supt. Whitcomb presented the resignation of Miss Marietta F. Crowley of the Lakeview avenue school, who was recently married. The resignation was accepted with the usual vote of thanks, Mr. Stearns calling attention to Miss Crowley's long period of faithful and successful service.

Mr. Whitcomb presented a list of names from Principal Irish of the high school, of pupils in the junior class who are not reaching the standard of requirements. The scholars were placed on probation, and on motion of Mr. Stearns the secretary was directed to ascertain from which schools the pupils in question were graduated, and inform the principals of the fact.

Mr. Everett of the training school committee asked for an appropriation of $100, to be used in fitting up the office, and it was granted. Mr. Swapp was also given permission to make a few necessary changes in the equipment of the Bartlett school.

Before adjournment, Mr. Stearns made a complimentary speech expressing regret that Mr. Thomas Murphy, the member from ward two, was about to retire from the board.

Mr. Swapp then called attention to the vacant seat of Mr. A. H. Schoolcraft, who, it is reported, has practically given up his residence in Lowell on account of poor health. He spoke in complimentary terms of Mr. Schoolcraft. He then referred to his four years of service as chairman, and expressed gratitude for the kindness universally shown him by the members. He said he should retire from the position feeling that he has had more than his share, and is glad to become a private in the ranks and do everything in his power to help whoever might take his place.

On motion of Mr. Everett, a rising vote of thanks was given Mr. Swapp for the fair, square and candid treatment given every member of the board.

The meeting was then adjourned.

THEIR FIRST AT HOME.

Dr. and Mrs. James F. Sullivan of 230 Pawtucket street held their first "at home" from 4 to 6 and from 8 to 10 o'clock last night and the guests numbered not less than 350. The decorations were the result of a very artistic arrangement of pine trees, laurel and roses. An orchestra composed of members of the Symphony furnished music and the D. L. Page company catered. Dr. and Mrs. Sullivan were assisted in receiving by the Misses Costello, Miss Nellie Sullivan, Miss Dempsey, Miss Helen Dempsey, Miss Alice Dempsey, Miss Katharine Donovan and Miss Adelaide Crowley. The reception was an enjoyable one in many ways.

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HE IS A FRAUD

Faculty of Holy Cross College Imposed Upon

BY ONE POSING AS A BISHOP

President Leny Gave Him Thirty Dollars

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 28.—The Spy today says:

It turns out that the Right Rev. J. Meerschaert, Bishop of the Indian tribes of the west, who visited Holy Cross college in Worcester, December 5, and was received with open arms by the unsuspecting members of the faculty and students, was not Bishop Meerschaert at all. It is pretty certain that the alleged prince of the church was none other than a clever and experienced confidence man named O. F. Lewis, of Russo-Jewish extraction. Now that the imposition has become known, the priests and students at Holy Cross recall many little peculiarities about the pseudo bishop that at the time of his visit were regarded only as lapses due to his extreme old age for he certainly appeared on the frontiers of 80, if he was a day.

At the time of his visit to the college he said he was on his way to his see in the west after having paid a visit to the Pope. He told thrilling stories of escapes and hairbreadth adventures with Indian tribes so admirably that no one suspected him of being a prevaricator. He said too that he had converted whole tribes. He had no conscientious scruples against acting as well as pretending the part of a Catholic prelate. He said mass the morning after his arrival and yesterday it was recalled that he made a number of slips as well as proved to be remarkably deficient in his knowledge of Latin.

The man has operated, it is said, all over the country, but usually he enacts the part of a priest and not that of a bishop. He was discovered at Rochester, N. Y., owing to his lack of knowledge of Latin. A few years ago he tried to bunco Father Feehan of Fitchburg out of some money by means of a forged check. His deception was seen through and later after a desperate struggle he was arrested and served three years in the state prison.

Rev. John F. Lehy, president of Holy Cross, gave him $30 when he started off on his return as was supposed, to his beloved Indian charge in the wilderness.

CLASS OF 98

HELD THEIR ANNUAL REUNION LAST NIGHT.

A pleasant social event took place at the High school hall last night, the occasion being the reunion of the class of 1898 of the Lowell High school. There were about 75 members present. It was unanimously voted to hold a reunion every year and to observe the event by a banquet. It was also voted to make the present officers of the class permanent. They are as follows: President, Thomas J. O'Donell of Tufts College; vice president, Miss Edith Dempsey; secretary, Miss Ardelle W. Roper; treasurer, Frederick Gorman; sergeant-at-arms, Francis Murphy.

The following committee was appointed to arrange for the banquet next year: Messrs. Robert Elliott, Brady, Joseph Wright and the Misses Halloran, Smith and Essie Roche. After the meeting a general entertainment was given by members, and included piano solos by Joseph Wright, Lloyd Howarth, Lillian Leith. Dancing followed, the music being furnished by different members.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Misses Jennie Allen and Marietta Cassidy, teachers at the school, who served as matrons.

During the evening, Messrs. Robert Elliott and Herbert Bixby made remarks on the good of the organization. Miss Jennie Allen also made an address to the class and was heartily received.

CHILDREN'S RECEPTION.

The teachers of the primary classes held a children's reception last evening at the John street church. The children were merrily entertained with pleasant games, were feasted to the full with good things including the essential ice cream so dear to children's palates and then the contents of two Christmas trees were distributed. Mrs. Orville E. Coon was mistress of ceremonies and the evening was completely successful.

DECLINED TO SAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—The house No. 1602 Pine street is a boarding house. It was said there last night that a girl named Rose Melville lived there last May and that she was still in Philadelphia. Her present address was refused. Persons in the house declined to tell whether or not the girl was married.

POLICE WORKING

Investigating Stanislaw Leczenski's Death

BOY ARRESTED FOR BUNKING OUT

He Tells a Pitiable Tale at the Station

The police inspectors are hard at work on the case of Stanislaw Leczenske, the Pole who died at St. John's hospital and who is believed to have been a victim of foul play, and nearly every Pole on William street has been seen by the inspectors, who are meeting with considerable difficulty on account of the reticence of the Poles. The two men who first told the police that there was suspicion among the Poles that Leczenski was foully dealt with are now endeavoring to shift, and they are sure that Leczenski met his death by accident. One Pole is quoted as saying that Leczenski was on too familiar terms with Barton's wife for Barton's peace of mind and that he has been heard to threaten Leczenski.

BOY ARRESTED.

A 12-year-old boy named Richard Frane was sent to the police station just before midnight last night by Officer O'Connell, who found him in a doorway in Market street. When the youngster was brought before Captain Kew he had a long tale of woe to tell and his case will probably be placed in the hands of the humane society. The boy said he left his home more than a month ago because he could not stand the actions of his drunken parents and that he has been sleeping out nights ever since. His food was obtained from two boys who were in the habit of making the round of boarding houses for cold victuals. He claimed to have been an inmate of Bishop Bradley's home in Manchester two years ago and begged to be sent back there so that he might have humane treatment. He said his own father died some time ago and he was put in the home by his mother. Then she married again and he was taken out of the home by a blind musician who wanted him as a guide. At times the musician played on street corners and made the boy pass the hat and sell pencils on cars. He could not stand it and gave up the job. His mother and father beat him on the slightest provocation, he claimed, and he did not want to go near them again. He said he could find no better place than the block on Market street in which to sleep and that he was glad to get this chance. There was nothing to lie on there but the boards and the boy said he managed to get out of the place every day before the occupants were about.

Several of the officers have made complaints about the boy and he has been in court before for petty offences. He does not always tell the same stories and the police will look him up today.

MOTHER REPULSED

In an Attempt to Steal Her Own Child

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FREEPORT, L. I., Dec. 28.—The attempt of a mother to gain possession of her own child caused an exciting scene here a few days ago. Mrs. Stella Raynor, the wife of Riley Raynor, was the chief actor, and she was accompanied by her brother, Duke Midhauer, former Justice F. J. Bedell and Miss Jennie Housman.

The Raynors were married four years ago, and the husband belongs to a prominent family of this town. Mrs. Raynor is an actress of Brooklyn. For two years they lived happily and then separated. They had one child which, after the separation, was taken to the home of Raynor's father, James C. Raynor.

Late in the afternoon, Mrs. Raynor and her three friends drove up to the grandparent's home and Mrs. Raynor entered the house. She found the child playing there and with a cry of joy took it up in her arms and started for the front door.

But Miss Fannie Raynor, a sister of Riley Raynor, caught sight of her, ran after her, and just as the door was reached seized the little child. The two women screamed and struggled and Miss Housman ran to the mother's aid.

The group pulled and struggled until the edge of the porch was reached, whereupon they all fell over it and came down in a heap. No one, however, was hurt.

By this time James C. Raynor was aroused and came rushing out. Until now the men who had come with the child's mother had stood by as spectators, while the women struggled, but, according to Raynor's affidavit, he was attacked by both Midhauer and Bedell. He forced his way past them, however, and grasped the child.

Meanwhile the town was aroused by the struggle and outcries, and people came running from every direction. Several men interfered in the fight and seeing that it was hopeless to struggle further the mother and her party jumped into their carriage and drove away.

Lindhauer was arrested for assault and a warrant is out for Bedell, who fled. It is not expected that any action will be taken against the mother or her woman friend.

BUBONIC PLAGUE

IS RAGING IN THE HAWAIIAN CAPITAL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 28.—The army transports Centennial and Newport, which arrived here during the night from Manila, via Honolulu, bring the startling news that the bubonic plague is raging in the capital city of the Hawaiian islands. It is understood that the scourge was brought into Honolulu by a vessel from one of the infested ports of China.

The administration of Honolulu is upon a very modern and scientific basis; Americans are in charge, and the probability is that the plague will not spread outside of the Asiatic quarters of the city.

SCHAEFER SIGNS A CONTRACT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—"Jake" Schaefer, the billiard expert, today attached his name to a contract calling for four months in one of the leading academies of the French metropolis. The "Wizard" was reticent in regard to his plans, but intimated that he would all for the other side very soon.

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Lively Meeting of Bricklayers' Union

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A lively session of the Bricklayers' union was held last night in Bay State hall. Officers were elected for the ensuing six months as follows: President, Henry Foley; vice president, James Conlon; treasurer, Frank George; financial secretary, Harry Spellman; recording secretary, Thos. Burns; corresponding secretary, Chas. Stanley; deputy, Alexander Ray, trustees, Thomas Golden, John F. Florence and Joseph Jalbert.

There was an interesting discussion upon the conditions existing in Lowell, during which the fact was brought out that in 60 per cent. of the cities in Massachusetts, the bricklayers were working but eight hours a day, and were receiving an average of 10 per cent. more wages than was paid in Lowell.

As a result of the discussion, a committee was appointed to confer with the master builders relative to a request of the bricklayers for an eight hour day and an increase from 39 cents to 42 cents an hour beginning May 1.

It was also voted to notify the superintendent of streets that the price for brickwork on the sewers would hereafter be 56 cents an hour. After the business had been completed there was an informal social and smoke talk, refreshments being served.

TEXTILE COUNCIL.

The regular meeting of the Textile Council was held last evening and after a review of the industrial situation, discussed a matter upon which final action will be taken at the next meeting. The recent labor rally was reported to have been rich in fruition of new members.

ELECTED OFFICERS.

At the regular meeting of the Shavers' union held last night, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing six months: President, John F. Doherty; vice president, Charles McDonald; recording secretary, Henry H. Nash; financial secretary, Wm. McMahon; treasurer, Arnold Brundage; sergeant-at-arms, Robert Inland; trustees, Moses Given and James Gilligan.

BASKET BALL

BURKES AND P. A. C. PLAY AGAIN MONDAY NIGHT.

The Burkes and P. A. C.'s, who played such an exciting basket ball game at Associate hall Christmas night will again come together next Monday night at the same hall in the second game of their series, and an even more exciting contest is looked for. These two teams have already played two games this season. The Burkes won the first and the P. A. C.'s the second, and next Monday night's game will decide the championship of the city, which has been held by the Burkes for about five years. The champions are not going to dispense with the coveted title without the hardest kind of a struggle, and, on the other hand, the Pawtucketville boys intend to put up the game of their lives in order that they may get the championship in their possession. It will be a great game.

DECISION RATIFIED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28.—The Doyen of the diplomatic corps at Pekin has telegraphed to the senior consul here that the decision reached in the matter of extension of the foreign settlement has been ratified.

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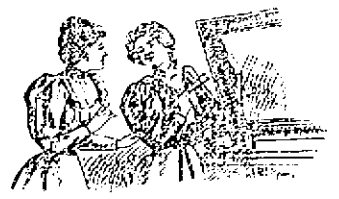

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Request Received From Adjt. Gen. Corbin

Mayor Crowley today received the following self-explanatory despatch from Washington, D. C.:

To the Mayor, Lowell, Mass.:

The committee having in charge the raising of the fund for the benefit of the widow and four young children of the late Maj. Gen. Henry W. Lawton, who was killed in action at San Mateo, Luzon, P. I., Dec. 19, request you to solicit and receive contributions and act for and represent the community in your city and vicinity. It is proposed to keep the subscription list open until the evening of January 5. General Lawton's services and sacrifices for his country's flag and his expressed concern for the care of his family is the most fetching appeal that can be made.

H. C. CORBIN, Adjt. Gen.

Acting for the Committee.

Mayor Crowley has appointed City Treasurer Coburn treasurer of the fund and invites contributions which may be left at the city treasurer's office.

A LYNN WOMAN

Gets Some Notoriety in New York

HER SATCHEL SUPPOSED TO DISCLOSE MYSTERY

But the Owner Relieved the Police

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Brooklyn's police are wrestling with a case of mysterious disappearance. The principal in the case is a pretty and handsomely dressed young woman, whose identity is as much a matter of darkness as is her whereabouts.

On the night of Nov. 20, a tall, graceful woman, of about twenty-four, entered the store of the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., at Court and Wyckoff streets and asked James Murphy, manager if she could leave a valise there for a day or two. Mr. Murphy consented and the valise was placed in a safe place. It was a large new bag of good material.

The visitor did not return to claim her property and finally Mr. Murphy became nervous about the valise. He began to think that something might have happened to the young woman, or that the valise belonged to some one who disappeared. At any rate the circumstances troubled him and he determined to appeal to the police.

The matter was placed in the hands of acting Captain Thomas Walsh of the Butler street station house, who opened the valise Tuesday night. It contained five black feathers, long and handsome, four white waists, three tailor made coats, comb and brush, powder puff, night robes, fine underwear and a lot of toilet accessories.

There was also a letter that had been opened. It was dated May 11, was written from 1601 Pine street street, Philadelphia and was addressed to Mrs. Assunda Mellett, 9 Silsbee street, Lynn, Mass. This letter left the impression that the writer, Rose, evidently the daughter of Mrs. Mellett, stood somewhat in fear of a man named Robertson.

THE MYSTERY CLEARED.

A young woman describing herself as Grace F. Perkins of Boston, now staying at 25 Mill street, Brooklyn, with friends, called at the deputy property clerk's room in the municipal building, Brooklyn, this afternoon and claimed the satchel, which was restored to her.

Two other young women accompanied her. Miss Perkins explained that one of these was a sister of Rose Mellett, whose letter signed "Rose" and addressed to her mother in Lynn was among the effects in the bag.

The third member of the group was designated as Miss Perkins' sister.

The claimant stated that she had left the bag in the store Nov. 20th because she did not feel like lugging it along. After she arrived at the Mills street address she forgot the address of the store. She and her friends had left the bag in the tea store on Thanksgiving night and tried to locate the place, but in vain. Finally, she learned from the papers that the satchel had reached the hands of the police.

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ROLAND REED'S CONDITION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—At St. Luke's hospital last night it was announced that the relatives of Roland Reed, the actor, have requested that no information concerning Mr. Reed be given out. It was learned, however that Mr. Reed was resting comfortably.

THREE DEATHS

AMONG SAILORS OF A JAPANESE VESSEL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 28.—The steamer Aoranga has arrived from Australia. She did not stop at Honolulu owing to the plague there. It is reported that three deaths have occurred among the sailors of a Japanese vessel at that port.

A hot wave struck Sydney just before the sailing of Aoranga, the temperature registering as high as 98 degrees.

Disastrous fires recently occurred at Warren and West Wyalog. At Warren twenty-one houses were burned, and at West Wyalog fourteen were destroyed.

PENSION CHANGES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The following pension changes, resulting from the issue of December 12th, are announced.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Original—George Sanborn, Gloucester, $12.

Increase—Alden H. Brown, Malden, $8 to $8; George W. Sargent, Malden, $6 to $8; Buren R. Littlefield, Haverhill, $5 to $10.

Original widows, etc.—Adelphine A. Sivard, Worcester, $8; Caroline C. Bradley, Watertown, $8.

Original widows—Special named Dec. 16th, Hattie R. Sailer, Worcester, $12.

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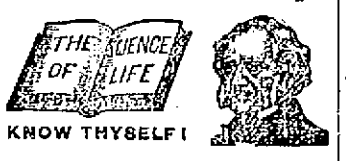

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Do You See the Point?

THE RAVAGES OF THE CIGARETTE HABIT.

Editor Sun: Dear Sir—Will you kindly write something cautioning parents against the danger of allowing their children to smoke cigarettes. As a parent myself, I have some dreadful examples of the ruinous effect upon boys of this habit, and I think the stores that sell this form of poison to children should be punished. Hoping you will use your influence to put down this terrible habit,

I remain yours,
A DISGUSTED FATHER.

We cannot conceive of any way in which a little space in a newspaper can be more profitably used than in exposing the dangerous effects of the cigarette habit. Our experience has been that once a boy has contracted this habit he is incapable of learning anything. His memory and his reasoning power are alike clouded if not entirely destroyed. He becomes dopy as if under the influence of an opiate and no doubt his brain becomes muddled by the poison inhaled in smoking these noxious substitutes for cigars. The cases in which the cigarette habit has driven boys to an early grave, sometimes by a collapse of the whole nervous system because of the injury to the brain, sometimes by self-destruction are too numerous to mention. The cigarette habit is contracted at the start as a mere amusement. The cigarette is taken up by a boy who smokes it because he sees other boys smoking. One follows another until an appetite is created for the continuous use of cigarettes. Then the boy finds a means of satisfying his appetite even if he has to steal the money with which to buy the cigarettes. At first the effect may not be very noticeable, but it will soon become apparent in the nervous twitches of the hands, the pallor of the face, the weakness of the body and the total paralysis of the will power. The youth addicted to the cigarette habit has no will or mind of his own, he drifts along subject to every passing influence, but doing nothing of his own volition or as a result of his own active will power except to procure cigarettes.

Perhaps the worst feature about this habit is that the people in general do not realize how injurious it is to boys, and the younger the boys, the more serious the danger. In many offices the use of cigarettes by small boys is overlooked or connived at by the adults until the urchins become so inured to the custom that they are utterly unable to stop it. The cigarette habit in boys is quite as hard to overcome as the drink habit in men, and it is even more injurious. No business man can safely keep cigarette fiends in his employ because they are wholly unreliable, dangerous and liable to steal if they cannot get all the cigarettes they want in any other way. If boys find that they cannot secure employment if they use cigarettes they might not be so ready to start this vile habit.

But there is a law forbidding stores to sell cigarettes to minors. Let the parents of children who use cigarettes find where they get the vile weeds and prosecute those who sell to them. We do not remember a case of conviction for violation of this law, although it is violated every day in the week and in every part of the city. Boys or girls not ten years old buy cigarettes at two for a cent without having any reason to think that the law forbids storekeepers to sell to them. If the agent for the humane society looked after the offenders against this law he might easily secure the support of the entire community in bringing the offenders to justice.

AS TO POLICE PENSIONS.

There are two sides to the acceptance of the police pension act. The superintendent of police as well as the officers will undoubtedly show plausible reasons for the adoption of the act. They will show that police officers are in danger of being killed in the ordinary exercise of their duty and that like soldiers they should get a pension especially when they grow old in the service. They sometimes get rather close to dangerous characters, but they are well armed and are in the habit of looking out for their own safety first. The experience of Officer Healey, Lieut. Brosnan and Officer Walsh comes to but few officers. If the accidents in the fire department are compared with those in the police department the percentage in the former will be almost as great as in the latter. Firemen are fully as deserving of pensions as are policemen, but the latter have more of a pull.

If the police are retired on half pay at a certain age there is no reason why the same privilege should not be accorded to the regular firemen. Then the school teachers have as strong a claim for retirement with pensions as have either the police or the firemen. Their life work is second to none in importance and far-reaching effect. In other countries they are the first to be considered as eligible for pensions.

At the present juncture with the tax rate at $19.60, it is not in the line of economy or conservative business policy to grant pensions to any class of city employes and had Mayor Crowley vetoed the measure, he would have better served the interests of the community.

With so many lords in charge of the British forces, they may think they can lord it over the Boers, but Joubert and Kruger are more magical names than any borne by the lords of British aristocracy.

Next week, $150,000,000 is to be distributed in dividends by the New York banks. Perhaps it will increase the financial stringency which has already brought so many of them to the wall.

If the newspapers of Massachusetts said half as much about a murder trial as is printed daily by the New York papers, on the Molineux trial, they would be fined for contempt.

The British horses in South Africa are stricken with glanders and some of the commanders are stricken with something worse.

Had not the first Fenian raid upon Canada proved a fizzle, the present talk of another raid might not be ridiculed by the Kanucks.

Although California did not exactly pass through a collision, it has been pretty badly shaken up.

CRISP GOSSIP.

A party of young folks had arranged to hold a sleigh ride party on the night of New Year's day, but from present indications they will either have to postpone it or make the trip on wheels.

Did you notice what a broad smile the undertakers are carrying these days? Business in their line has been unusually large during the past week. One of the local undertakers has had evolved funerals during the last week. "How would yer like yer be the undertaker?"

The conductors on the electric cars running to Lawrence earn their money these days.

Sunday evening is the time to break off all of your bad habits, such as smoking, going to Lawrence, spending money foolishly, staying out late nights, etc. Many people will make new resolutions on New Year's eve only to break them the following day.

There are very few of the Textile school students around the city this week. Most of them went home to spend the Christmas holidays with the old folks, many of the students going as far south as Louisiana.

It is amusing to go to the city library during the day and see the crowd of youngsters who are waiting to get juvenile books. I happened to have occasion to drop in there the other day and I saw fully a dozen youngsters in the corner where the subject cards for the juvenile books are kept. The favorite author with the boys is Horatio Alger, Jr. I heard one boy remark, "I've put in 11 slips for Alger's and I haven't got a book yet." Another said, "I've read seven books of the 'Ragged Dick' Series' and I've been trying for the last book for about three months." Alger's books are in such big demand that a boy constituents himself lucky when he gets one.

Then again, down stairs, in the reading room, you will see a boy sit in a chair patiently for half an hour waiting to get a look at Puck or Judge.

Basket ball is all the rage in this city this winter, but if the sporting fraternity saw a good game of roller polo, basket ball would have to take a rear seat.

Elias Hartz, aged 81, the goose-bone weather prophet of Reading, Pennsylvania, predicts the mildest winter on record.

"Sure of it," he said, "never surer of anything in my long life. The coming winter will be no winter at all. This year, to make doubly sure, I used the breastbones of three geese. The bones were all from geese of last spring. To my surprise, all were alike in color. I was astonished so surprised by that as I was to see them nearly all white, only the slightest bit of purple could be seen on the tell ends of the bones. This purple is blades cold weather, away off in March probably. All the rest of the bone was white, which shows beyond question that there will be no winter at all. The fact that the three bones indicate exactly the same thing might help convince people who take no stock in the goose bone weather short but one bone is enough for me. In the last 30 years in which I have made the annual test, the bone has never failed once. The weather has always come to pass as indicated by the goose bone. So you need not expect much snow or ice or cold weather until next March. The winter will be the mildest on record."

When you meet one of those cranks who maintain that the 20th century begins on Jan. 1, next, you want to ask him what year this is and he will reply 1899. What year will follow this, and he will answer 1900. When will 1900 end? He will answer Dec. 31. How many centuries in 1900 years? He will answer 19 and if the 19th ends on Dec. 31, 1899, then the next century feel is on the day following, which will be January 1, 1900.

The event of the season. Don't miss it. Court Millbrook grand ball, Friday evening, Dec. 29.

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NEW ORDINANCE

Relates to the Erection of Buildings

AS DRAWN UP BY COUNCILMAN BEAN

Will Come Before New City Council

AND WILL PROBABLY BE ENACTED

After Minor Changes Have been Made

One of the most important ordinances ever proposed for the city of Lowell is that which Councilman Fred E. Bean, ward eight, has proposed to this year's city council, entitled: An ordinance, in relation to the construction, maintenance and inspection of buildings.

At a meeting of the city council recently held, Council Bean was instructed to report his ordinance in print, and he has done so. The measure must now go over to the next city government because it was introduced too late for this year's members to take action upon it.

Councilman Bean is a practical carpenter, and those who have studied his ordinance say that his ideas are good. The ordinance, undoubtedly will be amended somewhat before finally passing. In one section it provides a penalty of not less than $50, and not more than $100, which is in opposition to the provision Sec. 23 of the city charter which places the maximum limit of such penalty at $20. Excepting that it is said there is little to be criticised in the ordinance. The ordinance is a lengthy matter, but so much inquiry has been made concerning it that The Sun prints it in full, as follows:

ORDINANCE.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Lowell as follows:

Section 1. The superintendent of public buildings shall be an able and experienced architect, builder or mechanic. He shall have the sole charge of the construction, inspection and alteration, care and custody of all the public buildings of the city not constructed for or by any other special department, and shall supervise and direct the constructing of buildings of other departments whenever so requested by any such department. He shall receive such compensation for his services as the city council may from time to time determine.

Sec. 2. In the month of December of each year he shall present to the city council a written report showing the number and condition of all buildings under his care, and what repairs, in his opinion, may be needed upon each for the next twelve months, and the probable cost of such repairs.

Sec. 3. As often as practicable he shall examine and inspect the material, construction, alteration, repair and use of all buildings and other structures erected and in the process of erection, alteration or repair within the city limits, excepting such buildings and structures as are used and occupied by the United States or the commonwealth, and as far as may be necessary for the performance of his duties enter any such building or premises.

For other than department buildings and structures, he shall require plans and specifications or a description of any proposed erection, alteration or repair other than necessary repairs to be filed in his office and shall grant licenses for such erection or alteration and repairs other than necessary repairs when the plans, specifications or descriptions are so filed in conformity with the ordinances of the city and the laws of the commonwealth. He shall make a record of all violations of this ordinance, with the street and number where such violation occurred, the names of the owners, architect and master mechanics and all other matters relative thereto. He or his assistants shall examine all buildings reported dangerous or damaged by fire or accident, and make a record of such examination, stating the nature and amount of such damage, the name of the street and number of the building, the name of the owner and occupant, and the purpose for which it is occupied; he shall examine all buildings for which applications have been made for permits to raise, enlarge alter, build upon or tear down and make a record of such examination. The record required by this section shall always be open to the inspection of any officers of the city.

Sec. 4. He shall have all the right and authority that the inspector of buildings now has, and that may hereafter be given and conferred by the laws of this commonwealth and ordinance of this city now and hereafter in force relating to the inspecting, constructing, use, occupation, alteration, repair and safety of buildings and structures within the limits of the city for the prevention of fires and protection of life, and shall cause the ordinances of the city and the statutes of this commonwealth, now and hereafter in force with reference thereto to be strictly enforced. He may enter upon the premises wherein any fire has occurred and ascertain, if possible, the origin of the fire. He shall designate an assistant in his department as his deputy who, in the event of and during his temporary absence or disability shall have and exercise all the powers and authority of the superintendent.

Sec. 5. Every person before proceeding to build, erect, alter or repair in any way, except in making necessary repairs, any structure, building, except buildings of government of the United States or this commonwealth, shall first give written notice to the superintendent of his intention, with a plan of the structure or building projected, the materials to be used, the number of the street, the precise location and the name of the owner or owners of the land; and shall obtain from the superintendent a written license so to do; and in all cases where any part of such structure, building, is nearer than five feet to the line of the street next adjacent thereto, he shall obtain free of expense from the city engineer if in the power of the latter to furnish the same, the lines and grades of the street adjoining which he proposes to build, erect, alter or repair as aforesaid. The superintendent may also, before issuing a license as aforesaid, require the applicant to give seven days' notice in writing of the application to any and all persons whose interests the superintendent considers may be affected by the proposed work. All materials are to be of good quality for the purpose for which they are to be used and to conform to legal trade and manufacturers' standards, and be subject to the approval of the superintendent.

Sec. 6. No building more than one hundred and twenty-five feet in height above the grade of the street shall hereafter be erected in this city, provided, however, that this restriction shall not apply to spires of churches, steeples, domes, towers or cupolas erected for strictly ornamental purposes, and of fireproof material when so ordered by the superintendent.

Sec. 7. Every portion of every structure in process of construction, alteration, repair or removal, and every neighboring structure or portion thereof affected thereby, or by any excavation shall be properly constructed and sufficiently supported. The superintendent may take such measures as the public safety requires to carry this section into effect, and any expense so incurred may be recovered by the city from the owner of the defective structure.

Sec. 8. Every building of three or more stories in height within this city now or hereafter used in whole or in part, as a public building, public institution, school house, church, theatre, public hall, place of assemblage or place of public resort, and every such building in which ten or more persons are employed above the second story, in a factory, workhouse or mercantile or other establishment, and every hotel, family hotel, apartment house, boarding house, lodging house or tenement house within this city, the owner or lessee or occupant of which is notified in writing by the superintendent that the provisions of this section are deemed by him applicable thereto, shall be provided with proper way of egress or other means of escape from fire sufficient for the use of all persons accommodated, assembling, employed, lodging or residing in such building; and such ways of egress and means of escape shall be kept free from obstruction, in good repair and ready for use. Every room above the second story in any such building in which 20 or more persons are employed shall be provided, if the superintendent shall so direct in writing, with more than one way of egress by stairways on the inside or outside of the building, placed as near as practicable at the opposite ends of the building; stairways on the outside of the building shall have suitable railed landings at each story above the first, and shall connect with each story by door or windows and such landing, door and windows shall be kept clear of ice and snow and other obstructions.

No persons shall be employed in a factory, workshop or mercantile or other establishment in a room above the second story from which there is only one way of egress if said superintendent shall so direct in writing. All doors and windows in any building subject to the provisions of this section shall open outwardly, if the superintendent shall so direct in writing. No portable seats or other obstruction shall be allowed in the aisles or passageways of such buildings during any services or entertainment held therein.

The proscenium or curtain opening of all theatres shall have a fire-resisting curtain of some incombustible material and such curtain shall be properly constructed and shall be operated by proper mechanism; the certificate of the superintendent shall be conclusive evidence of a compliance with such requirements.

Sec. 9. Every hotel, family hotel, apartment house, boarding house, lodging house, or tenement house hereafter erected more than two stories high from the level of the street shall be provided with two stairways placed in such a manner at opposite sides or ends of the building that the inmates shall have easy means of egress at all times; said stairways to lead from each story, and all halls leading from front to rear shall be provided with doors so as to form a fire and smoke stop.

Sec. 10. Every building hereafter built, and every building occupied by more than one family, shall have, according to its height, construction, construction, surroundings, character of occupation, and number of occupants, one or more safe means of egress in case of fire as the superintendent may direct.

Sec. 11. Every schoolhouse two stories or more high, every church, theatre, public building, hall, place of assembly, every building occupied above the second story by two or more families, or as a tenement, boarding, lodging house, or as a factory or workshop, where ten or more persons are employed, shall have at least two independent ways of egress, each accessible from each apartment and one of which shall be enclosed in brick walls shall have no interior openings other than the doors of the apartments, from which it is an exit, and shall be provided with a ventilating skylight which can be operated from the lower hall.

All ways of egress from every building shall be kept in good repair. No obstruction shall be placed in any ways of egress from any building. Provided, however, with the approval of the superintendent such stairways may be constructed as hereafter provided in Section 25.

Sec. 12. Any owner or lessee responsible for the condition of a building shall be entitled to a certificate, or if the original has been issued, an exhibition of the duplicate thereof on the superintendent's records, to the effect that such building is provided with safe means of egress, if and whenever such is the case in the superintendent's opinion. Any tenant of, or person employed in, any private building, and in the case of any public building or public school, any citizen of Lowell shall be entitled to an exhibition of the superintendent's record and, if no certificate has been issued, may apply to have a certificate issued for such building.

Sec. 13. The owner of any building subject to Sections eight, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen and twenty, of this ordinance, is owner, lessee or occupied, jointly or in severalty by different persons, any one of such persons shall have the right to apply to any part of the outside of such building and to sustain from any part of the outside wall thereof, any way of egress or means of escape from fire specified and described by the superintendent, notwithstanding the objection of any such owner, lessee, or occupant, and any such way of egress or means of escape may project over the highway.

Sec. 14. The platform, landings and steps of every fire escape shall be strong enough to carry a load of seventy pound to the square foot in addition to the weight of material.

Sec. 15. In this city no building three or more stories in height designed to be used, in whole or part, as a public building, public or private institution, church, theatre, public hall, place of assemblage or place of public resort, and no building more than two stories in height designed to be used above the second story, in whole or in part, as a factory, workshop or mercantile or other establishment, and having accommodations for ten or more employes above said story, and no building more than two stories in height designed to be used above the second story, in whole or part, as a hotel, a family hotel, apartment house, boarding house, lodging house or tenement house, and having ten or more rooms above said story, shall hereafter be erected until a copy of the plans of such building has been deposited with the superintendent by the person causing the erection or construction of such building or by the architect who has drawn the plans, which plans shall include therein the system or method of ventilation provided for such building, together with a copy of such portion of the specifications of such building as the superintendent may require, nor shall any such building be so erected without the provision of sufficient ways of egress and other means of escape from fire properly located and constructed. The certificate of the superintendent endorsed with the approval of the chief of the fire department shall be conclusive evidence of a compliance with the provisions of this ordinance; provided, that after the granting of such certificate no change is made in the plans or specifications of the ways and means of escape, unless a new certificate is obtained therefor. The superintendent may require that proper fire stops shall be provided in the floors, walls and partitions of such buildings, and may make such further requirements as may be necessary or proper to prevent the spread of fire therein, or its communication from any steam boiler or heating apparatus; and no pipe for conveying hot air or steam in such building shall be placed nearer than one inch to any woodwork, unless protected to the satisfaction of the superintendent by suitable guards or casings of incombustible material, and no wood flue or air duct for heating or ventilating shall be placed in any such building.

Sec. 16. Any persons erecting or constructing a building, or any architect or other person, who shall draw plans or specifications or superintend the erection or construction of a building in violation of the two preceding provisions of this ordinance, shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than one thousand dollars, and may also be punished, as otherwise provided by statute at the instance of the superintendent.

Sec. 17. It shall be the duty of the superintendent to examine from time to time all buildings subject to the provisions of sections eight and fifteen of this ordinance. In case any such building conforms, in the judgment of the superintendent, to the requirement of this ordinance, he shall issue to the owner, lessee or occupant of such building or of any portion thereof, used as above mentioned in sections eight and fifteen of this ordinance, a certificate to that effect, specifying the number of persons for whom the ways of egress and means of escape in case of fire are deemed to be sufficient; such certificate shall be conclusive evidence as long as it continues in force, of the compliance on the part of the person to whom it is issued, with the provisions of this ordinance. But such certificates shall be of no effect in case a greater number of persons than therein specified are accommodated or employed or assembled, lodged, or reside within such building or portion thereof, or in case such building is used for any purposes materially different from those for which it was used at the time of the granting thereof or in case the internal arrangements of any such building are materially altered or in case any ways, egress or means of escape from fire existing in such building at the time of such granting are stopped up; rendered unavailable or materially changed; and in no case shall such certificate continue in force more than five years from its date.

Such certificate may be revoked by the superintendent at any time upon written notice to the person holding the same or occupying the premises for which it was granted, and shall be so revoked whenever in his opinion any conditions or circumstances have so changed that the existing ways of egress or means of escape are no longer proper and sufficient. A copy of the said certificate shall be kept posted in a conspicuous place upon every floor of such building by the person occupying the premises covered thereby.

Sec. 18. Upon an application being made to the superintendent for the granting of a certificate under Sections fifteen and seventeen of this ordinance he shall issue to the person making the application a notice that the certificate has been applied for and pending the granting or refusal of such certificate, said acknowledgment shall have for a period of ninety days the same effect as such certificate and such acknowledgment may be renewed by the superintendent with the same effect for a further period not exceeding ninety days and may be further renewed by the chief of the fire department until such time as such certificate shall be granted or refused.

Sec. 19. In case any change is made in any premises for which a certificate has been issued under this ordinance, whether in the use thereof or otherwise it shall be the duty of the person making the same to give written notice thereof forthwith to the superintendent and to the chief of the fire department.

Sec. 20. In case any building or portion thereof, subject to sections eight, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen and nineteen of this ordinance is found by the superintendent to fail to conform thereto or in case any change is made in such building or portion thereto, such as terminates the effect of a certificate formerly granted therefor as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the superintendent to give notice in writing, specifying and describing what additional ways of egress or means of escape from fire are necessary, in the opinion of the superintendent in order to conform to said provisions of this ordinance and to secure the granting of a certificate as aforesaid. Notice to any agent of such owner, lessee or occupant in charge of the premises shall be sufficient notice under this section to such owner, lessee or occupant.

Sec. 21. When a license is required by law or municipal ordinance, in order to authorize any premises to be used for any purpose mentioned in section eight, no license for such purpose shall be granted until a certificate for such building or portion thereof shall first have been obtained from the superintendent as above provided and no such license hereafter issued shall continue in force any longer than such certificate remains in force.

Sec. 22.—All frame or wooden buildings exceeding a height of fifteen feet from underpinning shall be built with sills, posts, girts, plates and rafters, all of suitable size and mortised, tenoned, braced and pinned and with suitable studs not less than two inches by four inches, to space not more than sixteen inches on centres, and if the building exceeds four hundred feet in area, the posts and girts shall not be less than four inches by eight inches. Floor timbers shall not be less than two inches by six inches.

Sec. 23.—No ledger boards shall be used in place of girts in any building where the posts exceed fifteen feet in height; and all openings at doors, whether caused by ledger boards, floor joists laid upon girts, or floor joists projecting above sills, shall be stopped by joists not less than two inches thick fitted tightly between the studs.

Sec. 24. In all buildings hereafter erected or altered in whole or in part, in which lathing and plastering is to be done in which fire stops are required or gas pipes and meters are to be placed, the owner and builder thereof, shall, before proceeding to lath, plaster, place fire stops, gas pipes or meters therein give written notice to the superintendent that the premises are ready for inspection. Whenever such inspection is found to be satisfactory to the superintendent, the latter shall forthwith issue to the owner or builder a license to lath and plaster and locate fire stops, gas pipes and all such work shall be done in strict conformity with the terms of such license.

Gas piping shall also be done in accordance with the terms and conditions named in section forty-nine.

Sec. 25. In every wooden building in which two or more families reside on the same floor there shall be a partition wall of brick or incombustible material satisfactory to the superintendent, dividing each apartment; if of brick, to be not less than eight inches thick, built up to the underside of the roof covering and the said covering laid and embedded in mortar upon the walls or built up twelve inches above the roof and covered with metallic covering or where said wall is not carried above the roof there shall be placed on each side of said wall a rafter which shall be filled in solidly with mortar between said walls and rafters, providing openings in party or partition walls may be made for the purpose of stairways in which case all partitions around such opening shall be brick-nogged, and all such portions shall be lathed on both sides with metal or wire lathing and plastered, and all door openings in such partitions shall be furnished with metal covered doors satisfactory to the superintendent. The soffit of all such stairways shall be lathed with metal or wire lathing.

Sec. 26. The exterior of every building hereafter erected for or converted to use as a tenement or lodging house and not having an exposure or an open space, street, court or passageway more than twenty feet in width, shall not exceed thirty feet in height.

Sec. 27. All buildings except single dwellings more than two stories shall have permanent means of access to the roof from the inside. The opening for the same shall not be less than eighteen by thirty inches.

Sec. 28. In the erection or alteration of any building, the material of which in whole or part is other than brick, stone or wood, the thickness of walls of such material and the method of construction shall be such as the superintendent shall approve.

Sec. 29.—Every wooden building hereafter erected shall be not more than three stories in height from the grade of the street or place upon which it is to be erected, nor any part thereof be less than one foot six inches from the line of any adjoining lot nor if there is a building on the adjoining lot, be nearer than three feet to such building; without the intervention of a brick wall or other incombustible material satisfactory to the superintendent.

Sec. 30. All elevator wells and light shafts in buildings more than two stories high, unless built of brick shall be filled in between studs with fireproof material and lined with metal or plastered on metallic lathing as may be directed by the superintendent.

Sec. 31. All roof or floor timbers entering the same party wall from opposite sides shall have at least four inches solid brickwork between the ends of said timbers.

Sec. 32. The ends of all wooden floor or roof beams shall enter the wall to a depth of at least four inches, unless the wall is properly corbelled so as to give a bearing of at least four inches, and the ends of all such beams shall be so shaped or arranged that in case of fire they may fall without injury to the wall.

Sec. 33. The ends of all floor beams and rafters of a brick building entering a wall shall be cut on a splay of three inches in their width.

Sec. 34.—No floor timbers, header or trimmer of a brick building shall be cut into more than two inches in depth for piping without a license from the superintendent and no cutting shall be made in any timber at a greater distance than three feet from its support.

Sec. 35. All brick chimney flues shall be smoothly plastered inside with mortar from top to bottom during the course of construction, and also outside below the roofing, after having been examined and approved by the superintendent except that exposed portion of said chimney when the walls of the flues are eight inches thick, may be left unplastered upon the outside. All chimneys shall be topped out at least four feet above the highest point of contact with the roof with brick or stones laid in cement, and the topping out shall not have more than a two-inch projection unless the bricks are covered by a cap or stone or other non-combustible material in one piece, properly secured and approved by the superintendent; and in no case shall a nail be driven into the masonry of a flue.

Sec. 36.—No woodwork of any kind except the roof covering shall be placed at a less distance than one inch from the outside of the brickwork of any flue. No woodwork shall be placed at a less distance than one inch from any tin or other metal flue or pipe used or intended to be used to convey heated air, hot water or steam in any building, unless such flue or pipe be cased with a metal sleeve of one inch larger diameter than said flue or pipe, so as to permit a free circulation of air all around the same. No part of any floor timber shall be within less than two inches of any chimney. No studding or furring shall be within less than one inch of any chimney.

Sec. 37.—No smoke pipe shall project through any external wall or window. No smoke pipe shall pass through any wooden partition without a soapstone ring of the thickness of the partition and extending four inches from the pipe or a double metal collar of the thickness of the partition with a ventilated air space of not less than four inches around the pipe; nor shall be placed within eight inches of any wood unless such wood is plastered and protected by a metal shield two inches distant from the wood, in which case the smoke pipe shall be not less than six inches from the wood.

Sec. 38. Every story above the second of a building subject to the provisions of section eight of this ordinance shall be supplied with means of extinguishing fire consisting of a hose attached to a suitable water supply, and capable of reaching any part of the story; and such means of extinguishing fire shall be kept at all times ready for use and in good condition.

Sec. 39. No wooden flue or air ducts for heating or ventilating purposes shall hereafter be placed in any building subject to the provisions of section eight of this ordinance and no pipe for conveying hot air or steam in such building shall be placed or remain placed, nearer than one inch to any wood work, unless protected to the satisfaction of the superintendent by suitable guards, or castings of incombustible material.

Sec. 40. The inside of all furred brick walls of every building hereafter erected shall have a fire belt or stop, composed of the same fire proof material, at least six inches wide and thoroughly set up between furring at the top and bottom of each floor and in each story, in which stud walls or partitions; said studs, walls and partitions shall have spaces between the floor joists immediately under such walls, or partitions and between studs from the undersides of said floor joist, to a line six inches above the tops of said joists, filled solid and flush with the plastering on both sides with the mortar, cement, plaster, or other incombustible material; and if such studs or partitions shall rest upon solid timber or joist for the whole length thereof, such filling as above described, shall be placed from the top of such timber or joist to the same height as above specified; or a strip of tin or galvanized iron, at least one inch wider than the width of said studding and continuing under the footing of said wall or partitions, may be substituted for the filling above specified, where there is no partition or wall beneath. The exterior and interior walls of all wooden buildings hereafter erected shall have the space between the studding at the top and bottom of each story divided or separated by a fire stop, so as to check effectually the draft from one story to another and from the vertical spaces in the walls to the horizontal passages between the floor timbers. The spaces between stringers or carriages of all wooden staircases, unless said stringers or carriages are left exposed, shall be exposed at intervals not exceeding three feet by substantial stops.

Sec. 41. The various forms of construction tending to create or form air passages from one story to another, such as spaces around pipes, ventilating shafts, or chimneys barred off to form breast, in every building hereafter erected or altered, shall have a fire and smoke stop at each floor, approved by the superintendent, which fire and smoke stop in all brick buildings shall be of incombustible material.

Sec. 42. Elevators or hoists for freight which do not pass the ceiling of the first story, may be constructed without fireproof enclosures above the basement. In existing buildings or in buildings hereafter erected in compliance with this ordinance, freight and passenger elevators without fireproof enclosures may be placed in areas of hallways, which are continuous and unbroken, no part being separated from another part by an intervening floor; provided, that no additional draft of air is thereby created. In such building, such elevators may pass through the first floor of any area or hallway; provided, if fireproof enclosure be carried up to the first floor. Except as above provided, all shafts hereafter built for elevators, hoists, dumb waiters, light and ventilating shafts or other air ducts, shall be constructed of, and if they do not pass the upper floor their tops shall be covered with some substantial material not inflammable. All such shafts which pass the top floor shall be carried at least eighteen inches above the roof and be covered with a skylight. Such shafts already constructed, except lights twenty-eight inches square or of less area, and except in dwelling houses to be occupied by not more than one family, shall be lined with tin or plastered on wire lathing, or otherwise rendered non-inflammable on the inside.

Sec. 43. No elevator shall be used in any building until after written approval by the superintendent.

Sec. 44. In case any freight or passenger elevator is not constructed and furnished in compliance with this ordinance or has become unsafe, the superintendent shall post a conspicuous warning and prohibition at each entrance to such elevator. It shall thereafter, until a new written license is given by the superintendent, be a penal offence hereunder to operate said elevator, or remove or deface said notice. No freight or passenger elevator shall be operated for more than six months after the date of the superintendent's license, unless a certificate signed by some elevator builder that the elevator is safe and in good order, has been furnished within six months, and is posted in the car or at the entrance.

Sec. 45. Every room in every tenement or lodging house hereafter built, and in every building hereafter altered to be used as such, shall be not less than eight feet in height in the clear in every story, except in the attic it may be less than eight feet high for one half the area of the room. Every such room shall have one or more windows on an open air space with an area at least one-tenth as great as that of the room. The top of at least one window on such air space in each room shall be at east seven feet six inches from the floor, and the upper sash of the same window shall be movable.

Sec. 46. No building of which any part is used for storage or sale of hay, straw, hemp, flax, shaving, burning fluid, turpentine camphene or any inflammable oil, or other highly combustible substance shall be occupied in any part as a dwelling, tenement or lodging house, except that rooms for coachman or grooms may be allowed in private stables.

Sec. 47. All stationary receptacles in a building for ashes, waste and other substances, liable by spontaneous combustion, or otherwise, to cause a fire in a building, shall be made of incombustible material.

Sec. 48. Every dwelling, tenement or lodging house, every schoolhouse, and every building where operatives are employed shall have at least one water closet or privy, and if more than twenty persons therein live, attend or are employed, there shall be an additional water closet or privy for every twenty persons or fraction thereof; and in buildings where operatives of both sexes are employed separate accommodations shall be furnished for men and women. Privies or cesspools shall not be allowed where a sewer makes a water closet practicable. Every water closet in every building hereafter erected for or converted to use as a tenement house, family hotel, or apartment house, shall have a window opening to the outer air.

Sec. 49. All gas piping shall be done in accordance with the following scale:

Sizes of Tubings	Greatest length allowed	Greatest no. of Burners
½ in.	80 ft.	6 burners
⅝ in.	20 ft.	3 burners
¾ in.	30 ft.	20 burners
1 in.	70 ft.	35 burners
1¼ in.	100 ft.	60 burners
1½ in.	150 ft.	100 burners
2 in.	200 ft.	200 burners

No greater length of pipe of each size shall be allowed than that specified in the scale; and no more burners shall be taken from any size than the number stated, even if the length of pipe is diminished.

No deviation from the above shall be allowed, except in certain cases (as for instance, stables, or cellars where a small number of burners are to be used in a large space) upon the written approval of the superintendent. No work shall be approved in which copper pipe is used.

No cement shall be allowed in any joints or upon any fittings.

No black varnished pipes shall be allowed. Where the construction of the building will permit, all piping running under the floor of the building shall be laid on the top of the floor timbers. In all cases the rising pipe shall be left projecting below the floor timbers at least three inches, and with threaded end.

Sec. 50. In this ordinance the following terms have the meaning respectively assigned to them:

"Alteration" means any change or addition.

"Apartment house" means a house divided up into sets or suites of rooms.

"Cellar or basement" means the space or spaces below the level of the bottom floor timbers of the first story.

"Chimney" shall apply to any permanent or fixed flues or passage built into any building for conveying away the products of combustion from furnaces, stoves, ranges or other fireplaces.

"External walls," shall apply to that part of the outer wall of a building other than a party wall, above and other than the foundation wall.

"Foundation wall" means that portion of wall below the level of street curb, and where the wall is not on a street, that portion of the wall below the level of the highest ground next to the wall, but, if under party or partition walls, may be construed by the superintendent to mean that below the cellar floor.

"Family hotel" means a hotel arranged more especially for the convenience and comfort of families.

"Height of a building" means the vertical distance of the highest point of the roof above the highest grade of the street or ground at the principal point of the building, provided said grade of the ground is not below the grade of the street at said point.

"Lodging house" means a building in which persons are accommodated with sleeping apartments and includes hotel and apartment houses where cooking is not done in the several apartments.

"Party wall" means every wall used, or built in order to be used, as a separation of two or more buildings.

"Partition walls" means any interior wall of masonry in a building.

"Public building" means any building or premises used as a place of public entertainment, institution, resort or assemblage.

"Repairs" means the reconstruction or renewal of any existing part of a building, or of its fixtures or appurtenances, by which its strength or fire risk is not affected or modified, and not made, in the opinion of the superintendent, for the purpose of converting the building in whole or in part to a new one.

"Schoolhouse" means any building or premises in which public or private instruction is afforded for not less than four pupils at one time.

"Story of a building" means the space between the level of the bottom of the floor timbers to the level of the bottom of the floor timbers next above or below and are numbered first, second, and so on, starting from the street grade.

"Superintendent" wherever used in this ordinance shall be construed to mean superintendent of public buildings.

"Tenement house" means a building which, or any portion of which, is occupied or intended to be occupied as a dwelling by more than three families living independently of one another and doing their cooking upon the premises.

"Theatre" means a building or a portion of a building in which it is designed to make a business of the presentation of dramatic, operatic, or other performances or shows for the entertainment of spectators, and having a permanent stage for the said performances which can be used for scenery and other stage appliances.

"Thickness of a wall" means the minimum thickness of such wall.

Sec. 51. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Fancy Dress Ball at Associate hall, Friday evening, Dec. 29.

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GALLINGER CASE

Will be Presented to the Grand Jury

MANY WITNESSES WERE SUMMONED

Report May be Made on Friday

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 27.—The United States court grand jury, which will consider the charges against Senator Jacob H. Gallinger of civil service law violation, began its deliberations in this city at 11 o'clock this morning. Not much progress has been made so far, and District Attorney Hamblett says it may be Friday noon before a report is made.

District Attorney Charles J. Hamblett will present the testimony to the jury. The witnesses he has summoned include Secretary of State Edward N. Pearson, William F. Thayer, treasurer of the state committee; Ira C. Evans and Thomas F. Clifford of Concord; Naval Officer James O. Lyford and Pension Examiner L. F. Hanson of Boston; Louis G. Hoyt of Kingston, secretary of the republican state committee; Colonel James A. Wood, collector of internal revenue, and Col. Rufus N. Elwell, collector of customs of Portsmouth; National Bank Examiner E. H. Carroll of Warner; Postmasters Knox of Manchester, Robinson of Concord, Welch of Laconia, Gilman of Laconia, Hon. Charles A. Busiel of Laconia; Jonathan Rand of Rye and others.

The case grows out of differences which have existed for some time among certain of the republican leaders in New Hampshire. The complainant is Hon. Charles A. Busiel of Laconia, formerly governor of the state, who alleges that in the campaign of 1898, United States Senator Jacob H. Gallinger, chairman of the republican state committee, violated the civil service laws of the United States in permitting to be issued under a letterhead bearing his name, an appeal for funds for political purposes to persons holding office under the federal government. The charges have attracted considerable attention throughout the country, owing to the prominence of Dr. Gallinger, and the aid which has been accorded ex-Governor Busiel in pushing the case by Senator William E. Chandler.

The charges were made in 1898, and at first an attempt was made to include William F. Thayer, treasurer of the republican state committee, who is president of the First National bank of Concord, and considered by some authorities as a government official. But when the case was laid before the civil service commission at Washington the specific charges were made against Senator Gallinger. Commissioner Mark Brewer of the commission finally came to Concord and in July last a hearing was given, at which several lively passages took place between Mr. Brewer and Senator Chandler and between the latter and Senator Gallinger. At one time a collision between the two senators was prevented by friends. The result of the hearing was unsatisfactory to ex-Gov. Busiel and as a result he decided to lay the matter before the United States grand jury.

Ex-Gov. Busiel claims that Senator Gallinger was the direct means of securing between $50,000 and $35,000 from office holders by means of this circular. The senator, however, asserted that he did not issue the document, although he admitted it bore his name at the head of it as an officer of the state committee.

DISCHARGED MEN

Will be Heard by Arbitration Board Later

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BROCKTON, Mass., Dec. 27.—The state board of arbitration gave a hearing this forenoon in City Hall on the petition of the cutters recently discharged from the factory of R. H. Grover & Co. on the ground that they are no longer union men.

From information given at the hearing largely on the part of Judge W. A. Reed, who appeared for R. H. Grover & Co., Chairman Walcott stated that as far as he could see neither of the parties to the agreement were interested in arbitration of the matter, and there is the additional feature of a legal question arising which may take the matter out of the jurisdiction of the board entirely. It seemed to him that before more was done and in view of the fact that counsel for the cutters was unable to be present, the case might more properly come before the board through counsel, and the board consult with the attorney general as to its province in the matter.

It was left in this way, and Attorney Hosea Kingman for the cutters and Judge Reed for the firm will arrange to meet the board at some future time and present the case as they see it.

FLYING FOAM SUNK.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The British steamer Starlight, which arrived here December 25th, from Philadelphia, while bound in December 24th, collided with and sunk the schooner Flying Foam. No lives were lost.

REED WITHDRAWS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—It was announced tedny by Representative S. L. Reed of Taunton that he had withdrawn from the speakership race in favor of Frank P. Bennett of Saugus.

ROGER WILLIAMS

Rev. H. S. Burrage Discusses His Banishment

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The American Historical Association opened its annual meeting in the South Congregational church today. President James Ford Rhodes occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance. President Rhodes addressed the gathering, calling attention to a new gavel, presented to the association by Samuel Macauley Jackson of Boston. The gavel, he said, "is made of five woods, four of which forming the head, consist of the maple of Connecticut, the ash of Pennsylvania, the red birch of New Hampshire, and the oak of New York state. The gold band, which is engraved, is from California. Upon the two silver bands are the words 'From Nevada.' The handle is made of the vermillion of Kentucky." In the name of the association President Rhodes thanked Mr. Jackson for the useful present.

In the unavoidable absence of Mayor Quincy, Rev. Edward Everett Hale spoke briefly for the city of Boston. "I am sure the city of Boston," said he, "will cordially welcome you, and more cordially than any other city, because we here feel the necessity of the proper working up of our own history."

The discussions of the morning, devoted to colonization, were then taken up. The first paper was by Prof. K. E. Bourne of Western Reserve University. He discussed "Some Difficulties of American Colonization."

At the afternoon session, Rev. H. S. Burrage of Portland, Me., delivered an address on "Why Was Roger Williams Banished?"

Dr. Burrage referred at some length to the proceedings connected with the banishment of Roger Williams, and called attention to the attempt of the late Rev. Dr. Henry M. Dexter, in his "As to Roger Williams" to show that the banishment of Mr. Williams "took place for reasons purely political and having no relation to his views upon toleration or upon any subject other than those which in their bearing upon the common rights of property, upon the sanctions of the oath, and upon due subordination to the powers that be in the state made him a subverter of the very foundations of the government—with all its worthiness of character and general soundness of doctrine—a nuisance which it seemed to them they had no alternative but to abate in some way safe to them and kindest to him.

"This position was strenuously combatted. It was not denied that the members of the general court in their banishment of Roger Williams were influenced by other considerations than his unyielding attitude with reference to soul liberty.

"Mr. Winthrop in his account of the proceedings of the court and Roger Williams himself, in his recital of the statement made by Governor Haynes in pronouncing the sentence of banishment, made it clear that other matters were before the court and doubtless did enter into its decision. But the very same testimony is equally valid proof that Mr. Williams' doctrine of soul liberty was also before the court. It was there in the form in which he held it all through his career. Nor is this all. It was expressly mentioned by Governor Haynes as one of the causes that led to the banishment.

"The only new document bearing upon this matter is that which records the action of the council of the Bay Colony in 1676, offering Roger Williams an asylum in some one of the Massachusetts towns during the Indian troubles.

"If, as Dr. Dexter says, the banishment was for reasons purely political and had no relation to Mr. Williams' notions upon toleration, it would seem that in the action of the council in 1676 we should find some indications of that fact. These are not to be found.

"The action of the Massachusetts council is delightful evidence of the kindly feeling that was entertained for Roger Williams by the leaders of the Puritan colony, and while it must have awakened memories that were not altogether pleasing it could hardly have failed to have reached and touched his heart."

COPPER DID IT

Bad Speculation Wrecked Boston Houses

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The announcement on the Boston stock exchange a few minutes after the opening this forenoon, of the embarrassment of E. C. Hodges & Co., bankers and brokers, in the Exchange building, 53 State street, was a surprise to many, although it was not altogether unexpected by some of the larger financial interests.

The suspension of this well known house, it is estimated, will bring the total of liabilities of concerns here which have failed within the past two weeks, close to $17,000,000. A few months ago such widespread troubles in the financial section of the city were not considered possible, as general business has been in better condition than for several years. A greater part of the difficulty is attributed to unfortunate speculation by men, who before the crash, were wealthy, and to the embarrassment of the Globe National bank. This failure, it has appeared, was due, partially at least, to the tremendous fall in United States copper and United States oil, and other securities.

The failed concerns include: Globe National bank, Broadway National bank, John P. Squire & Co., and allied firms, provision and pork packers; Joseph C. Squire & Co., provision; Francis Batchelder & Co., provisions; Dillaway & Sears, bankers and brokers; John P. Lovell Arms company, and John P. Lovell Company, E. C. Hodges & Co., bankers and brokers.

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MASONIC TEMPLE

New Building in Boston Dedicated

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The new Masonic Temple on Tremont street was dedicated at 2 o'clock this afternoon with the opening of the grand lodge. It has been customary on December 27 in past years to install the officers of the grand lodge, the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist. The hour usually set is 1 o'clock but owing to the lengthy program the consistory went into session at 2 o'clock. The dedicatory program was carried through in the Corinthian hall, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Charles C. Hutchinson, presiding. The oration was delivered by Samuel J. Elder of the Suffolk bar. The music for the occasion was a special program arranged by Grand Organist Howard M. Dow. The orchestral parts were played by a Masonic orchestra directed by Sir Thomas M. Carter.

The dedication was attended by the entire grand consistory with its retinue of officers, by leading officers of the Knights Templar and by high degree Masons from all parts of the country.

The new building which stands at the corner of Tremont and Boylston streets is of granite, nine stories in height and is the third to occupy the site. Both of the structures which previously stood there were burned. The exterior of the present temple is plain. There is a wide vestibule to the entrance on Boylston street, at either side of which is a niche containing marble columns. The entrance hall is 20 feet square. The floor is of mosaic and the walls of polished marble. The seat of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is set in the centre of the floor. Leading from this hall is the grand stairway, built entirely of white marble.

On the second floor is the "Fraternity Parlor," where Masons may chat and smoke. "Corinthian Hall," on the floor above is specially designed for meetings and is considered one of the finest of its kind in the country. It measures 85 by 46 feet, and is two stories high. The architecture is of pure corinthian order, the colors being ivory, gold and silver. On the north side is a fine organ and in the corners are statues of Faith, Hope and Charity and Wisdom, respectively, while portraits of Washington, Franklin, Lafayette and of about 40 grand masters hang on the walls.

Another beautiful chamber is "Gothic Hall," on the seventh floor, where entertainments will be held. The eighth and ninth floors are taken up by armories and rooms for the use of various masonic bodies.

A PROCLAMATION

Issued by Queen Victoria to Her Subjects

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The privy council held a meeting at Windsor Castle today at which Queen Victoria proclaimed a warning to all British subjects not to assist the inhabitants of the Transvaal or Orange Free State or to sell or transport merchandise thereto under penalty of the law. The proclamation was gazetted tonight.

THE HOUGH TRIAL

May Smith the Principal Witness

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 27.—The defense today finished its case in the trial of Joseph A. Hough for the alleged murder of Harry Chadwick. The state placed on the stand a number of witnesses in rebuttal, among them being Miss May Smith to whom Chadwick was engaged to be married.

Miss Smith vehemently denied the truth of statements made by Hough, the accused, in which the latter claimed that Miss Smith had encouraged him to murder Chadwick. Later, the young girl made a dramatic statement, when, in a loud voice, she said:

"As God is my witness there never was any relation between Hough and me I would be ashamed for the whole world to know."

Pocketbooks, Umbrellas, Leather Novelties, etc. Devine's, 88 Merrimack St.

TWO MEN KILLED

In a Street Duel at Deposit

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Dec. 27.—In a street duel at Deposit today, two men were killed and a third fatally wounded.

James Harden's throat was cut by his nephew, Jesse Harden. John C. Harden, a brother of the dead man, was seriously cut by Jesse Harden, and as the fight was drawing to a close, McRussell discharged a load of buck shot in the abdomen of Jesse Harden, causing death instantly. All the parties are well known and prominent in politics. The cause of the fight is not known.

TRAINS COLLIDE

ENGINE AND TEN CARS WERE DEMOLISHED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 27.—As a result of the collision of two freight trains and an engine at the South Worcester Junction station of the Boston and Albany and New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad today, an engine and ten freight cars were almost completely demolished. Traffic over both roads was blocked for several hours.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that contain Mercury,

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and is made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.
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THE B. & A. LEASE

Voted on by Stockholders Today

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—A special meeting of the stockholders of the Boston & Albany railroad, was held at the South Terminal station today to pass upon the proposed lease of the company's property to the New York Central railroad. Between 250 and 300 stockholders were present. President William Rich, Secretary Hayden and Chief Counsel Samuel Hoar were among the first to answer. The meeting was called to order at 11:30 by President Rich. Mr. Hoar at once moved that the contract entered into by the directors for the lease of the road to the New York Central, on terms already known, be approved and adopted. A vote followed which it appeared that only "yes" ballots had been distributed and calls were made for "No" votes. It appeared that no "No" ballots had been prepared. This led to accusations of unfairness against the management and a motion was made to adjourn until "No" ballots could be printed.

Mr. Hoar opposed the motion, defending the management.

Mr. Hoar said it was perfectly simple for a person who had to write his name on the ballot and the number of shares he represented, to strike out the word "Yes" and write "No" instead. The speaker said he would volunteer to write it for any stockholder.

The motion to print negative ballots was withdrawn after Mr. Hoar had replied. Mr. Hoar then moved that the stockholders pass a motion of thanks to Mr. Sargent for the regard, courage and devotion which he has shown on behalf of the stockholders in the lease matter. The motion was carried.

The ballot on the question of the lease was then taken.

A large bundle of proxies in opposition to the lease was handed in by Bryant and Mr. Hoar for the directors, and the protective committee passed in a much larger bundle. It is understood that Mr. Bryant's proxies covered only about 25,000 shares, while those of the directors of the protective committee were estimated to cover 150,000 shares. After the ballots had been cast, a recess was taken until 1 o'clock this afternoon, at which time a report from the tellers is expected.

UNKNOWN PERSON

DROWNED IN LAKE CHAUBUNA IN WEBSTER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WEBSTER, Mass., Dec. 28.—An unknown person was drowned in Lake Chaubuna-gungamaug yesterday afternoon. He was seen to venture out on the thin ice for about a hundred yards and then disappear beneath the surface. There is no clue to the person's identity, and whether the act was intentional is not known. Maurice P. Clare, chairman of the board of selectmen, has ordered that the lake be dragged tomorrow, when it is thought the body and something to clear up the mystery will be found.

Wrinkles Come

To many a face which should still be smooth and fair. Worry doesn't bring them. There are no cares and anxieties to furrow the face. They are the signs of physical suffering, graven by the hand of Pain. It is the saddest result of the diseases which affect the womanly organs that they write plainly the sad record of suffering on the face and form. The skin becomes sallow, the cheeks are sunken, the eyes look dull, the body falls away. No woman who values her health or good looks should neglect to use Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for diseases of the womanly organs. It cures irregularity, inflammation, ulceration and female weakness. It lights up the eye, brightens the complexion, and rounds out the sunken curves of the body.

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Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce.
Celery. Mashed Potatoes.
Scalloped Asparagus. Chicken Pie.
Kirsch Punch.
Roast Duck. Currant Jelly.
Sweet Potato Croquettes.
Lettuce Salad. Sweetbreads.
Plum Pudding, Brandy Sauce.
Mince Pie. Apple Pie. Cheese.
Ice Cream. Cake.
Nuts. Raisins. Fruit.
Coffee.

CHRISTMAS BALLS.

For these take some good mince-meat, and with well floured hands roll this into balls, using an egg to bind the mixture, then brush over with beaten egg, and roll the balls in crushed ratafias and chopped almonds, and fry in plenty of hot fat; drain and serve very hot.

HOW TO FINISH MINCE-PIES.

To give a delicious crispness to the outside of your mince-pies, when your pastry has almost finished baking draw it from the oven and brush it quickly over with the white of an egg and a little water mixed together; then sprinkle with sugar and return to the oven for a few minutes longer.

FRUIT PIE FOR THE NURSERY.

Fill pie-dish with stewed apples or any other fruit in season, and over same put some thin bread-and-butter, placing each piece close together so as to completely cover. Bake in an oven until a nice light-brown color, and shake sifted sugar on top. This is a nice substitute for pastry, besides being wholesome for the little ones.

RICH PLUM-CAKE.

Well line a cake-tin with buttered paper.

Cream together half a pound butter and half a pound sugar. Well beat five eggs, and add them gradually to the sugar and butter.

Sieve together three-quarters of a pound flour, one teaspoonful baking powder, and half a teaspoonful salt. Add to the butter and eggs.

Now stir in half a pound sultanas, half a pound glace cherries, quarter of a pound finely chopped almonds, the grated rind of two lemons, half an ounce powdered cloves, spice, and cinnamon mixed, and either one gill of brandy or a gill of milk.

Put into the tin.

Place the tin on a baking-sheet on a layer of sand and bake for two and a half hours in a moderate oven.

PLAIN CHRISTMAS CAKE.

Well grease a really large cake-tin. Melt half a pound of dripping in a saucepan, add to it half a pound of sugar and one pound molasses. Stir over the fire till the sugar is dissolved.

Put four large coffeecupfuls of flour, one teaspoonful carbonate of soda, half a pound of currants, and half a pound of stoned raisins into a basin.

Pour the molasses and currants into the flour, add one large breakfastcupful sour milk and two well-beaten eggs. Mix all thoroughly. Pour into the tin, and bake about one and a half hours, or longer if necessary.

MINCE-MEAT.

Chop two pounds suet very finely.

Stone and chop two and a half pounds raisins, clean one and a half pounds currants, peel and finely chop two pounds of apples and a quarter of a pound of lemon-peel.

Put all these ingredients into a basin, add four cloves, quarter of an ounce mace or mixed spice, the rind and juice of three lemons, and one and a half ounces chopped almonds.

Mix all well together, pour over quarter of a pint brandy and quarter of a pint port or home-made wine, and tie closely down in jars till required.

HOW TO BUY A CHRISTMAS TREE.

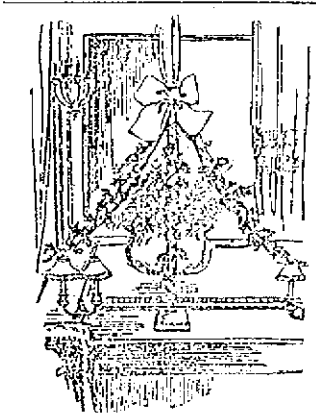
There are Straight Trees and Feathery Trees and Some are Expensive and Others Can be Bought for Your Own Price.

It would be difficult to calculate how many Christmas trees are used annually in the United States. New York alone used more than two hundred thousand last year. Those that are used in New York are obtained principally from Maine, the quaint old Pine-Tree State. In summer Maine takes summer boarders, that being the third largest industry in the State. In November and December she cuts Christmas trees. Along the upper Penobscot River the number of trees suitable for bearing Christmas gifts is literally legion. There are people in Maine who have acquired a handsome competence by the Christmas tree industry.

New York State also furnishes many Christmas trees to the metropolis. In the Catskill Mountains there are annually cut thousands of these trees, among which old Hendrik Hudson and his demon crew have been playing skittles and drinking schnapps nightly for centuries, and under whose umbrageous shadows dear old Rip Van Winkle took his long nap of twenty years' duration. The Adirondacks also furnish many trees, and from the shores of Otsego Lake come many others. The Green Mountains of Vermont also send Christmas trees to the little descendants of the Dutch settlers on Manhattan Island, as likewise do the shores of Lake Winnipiseogee and the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

Christmas trees may be of hemlock, pine, balsam fir, cedar or spruce. Each has merits peculiarly its own, except, perhaps, the pine and hemlock, which are often shabby, and whose only merit is cheapness. The green of the cedar is not so bright as that of the others, and perhaps that is why it lasts so much longer. Cedar trees are sometimes to be obtained with branches bearing here and there its lovely frosty berries, and the effect of such a tree is singularly beautiful. Spruce trees are very handsome and stately, and from their branches may be hung gifts heavier than any other Christmas tree will support.

But many people prefer the balsam firs, for they are redolent of the fragrant piny woods. Then, too, the needles of the balsam fir are finer and softer than those of the spruce or cedar, and the blending of vivid green on the upper part of its needles and silver gray on the lower portion is one of those artistic and beautiful effects which nature alone, of all artists, can produce. This tree is also more rounded and symmetrical than any other. It is easily trimmed.



AN EASY AND EFFECTIVE ARRANGEMENT.

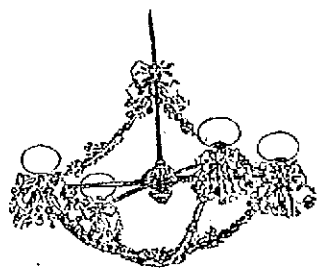
Your tree selected, you can trim it for as much or as little money as you please. If your tree is very tall it will be well to trim the upper branches before placing it in a perpendicular position, lest they be too high to be easily reached. First of all you want some attractive and appropriate ornament for the summit or "tip-top" point of your tree. If you desire to trim it at very little cost a small figure of Santa Claus can be bought for ten cents, or you may substitute for that patron saint of Christmas a cardboard figure of a boy or girl in winter garb, or one of an angel with a trumpet, blowing out Christmas tidings.

A surprising quantity of pink and white popped corn can be bought for a few cents, and, if strung upon strings and festooned on the upper branches, it will look very pretty, as will also cranberries similarly used. Balls of white cotton fastened to the ends of the boughs and small pieces of the same scattered all over the tree give a very pretty snow effect.

If you want an expensive tree, nothing is prettier in the way of ornament than the colored balls of the shops. Hang these numerously from every branch and have festoons of smaller ones from branch to branch all around the tree from top to bottom.

A TEACUP PIN-CUSHION, A SIMPLE CHRISTMAS HINT.

Use plenty of the tinsels representing frost and icicles and the little balls like frozen bubbles blown from a liquid rainbow. Then the shops have a close imitation of festoons of snow, which you can attach to every twig, branch and needle. This snow is made of the tissue paper and comes packed in boxes. Gilt stars, sold at any stationer's, should be used in abundance, as should also cardboard, china and candy angels, cherubs and children. A tree thus trimmed costs from $10 to $25.



IN RIBBONS AND MISTLETOE.

This year Christmas trees are handsomer than ever. A very nice one about four feet high can be bought for 30 cents. A tree from eighteen to nineteen feet high is worth $4.50 to $5, and some monstrous trees, standing twenty-five feet high, will probably be sold at not less than $10.

CARE OF THE SKIN.

There are many little skin troubles which are both persistent and troublesome and vex one's very soul by appearing on the face. A greasy skin may arise from various causes, but generally from lack of cleanliness or debility of the skin. Only an astringent has any effect upon it and a very simple, entirely harmless one may be made from one pint of rosewater, half a pint of vinegar, and a few drops of essence of rose. This lotion may be applied with a piece of soft linen or a very fine sponge.

Blackheads are very difficult to get rid of and are caused by the clogging of the pores of the skin by dust or foreign matter. Alcohol, ninety per cent., applied by the means of a piece of chamois skin, will give tone to the skin and remove unsuspected dirt and dust, at the same time stimulating the small glands and removing, by constant use, the blackheads.

Tan and freckles may be removed by the use of the following lotion: Two drachms of powdered sal-ammoniac, four fluid drachms of eau of Cologne, one quart of distilled water. Lemon-juice and borax are both very efficacious and are home remedies.

A TAILOR MADE GIRL OF 1900.

She Will Wear a Jacket Different From Her Skirt and Both Will be Bordered With Fur.

New York.—There is much that is new in fashion's world.

The tailor made dress little resembles the simple creation which was known under that name when the tailor made gown first came in vogue. The tailor gown of that day was so severe as to be unbecoming to any but the ideal figure and so close fitting as to require the hand of an artist modiste to fit it. None but men could fit the tailor-made gowns, for they required that squareness of shoulder and absolute flatness of back which only the man fitter had learned.

But that day has changed. The tailor-made gown has lost its simplicity. It is just as well fitted, but women have learned the art of doing it; and there are becoming lines of trimming and many folds to relieve the fearfully hard outlines.

The tailor-made, as you know, was until very recently all of one color. Now it has bright bits introduced in the shape of folds, vests, beltings and stocks.

But the tailor-made gown is still characteristic and unmistakable. You can tell it at a glance by its set, its finish, its trim look, the peculiar quality which the English call "fit" and which the French style "chic."

A woolen poplin with flat ribs illustrates this. It is of rich royal brown, not lustrous, but very beautiful and substantial-looking for winter. It is one of those delightful new fabrics which are suitable for street wear.

MUCH STITCHING.

Stitching, by the way, is one of the distinctive features of a tailor-made gown. It is not at all expensive but requires the most exquisite exactness. Your silk must be of the sort that positively will not break or knot. The tension of your machine must be set with a rather long stitch; and when you once begin you must carry your stitching straight along, without a break or flaw. English tailors mark the goods with chalk, in a mathematically straight line, never basting it for fear of catching the basting stitches. They use very lustrous silk, thread exactly matching the goods and they employ never less than three rows of stitching to mark a hem or seam. Stitching is almost the only trimming they use upon the most severe of their spring and fall gowns, but they use it so plentifully that it looks like a band of goods.

Stitched bands are very popular and very easy to do. You cut your goods in strips and stitch them in many rows, until you have a stiffly stitched band, anywhere from half an inch to an inch and a half wide. This you use to strap your seams and to trim your vests and cuffs and collar. It makes a beautiful trimming for the seams of your bodice and is an excellent finish wherever you choose to place it. Yards and yards of these stitched bands are used upon the skirts and waists of the new tailor-made dresses.

The woolen poplin was trimmed around the foot in skaters' style. The skater's skirt has usually a heavy band to give it weight and swing. It is almost essential that it should be finished in this way or it will fill like a balloon and prove ungraceful.

There come fur cloths for this purpose which are light and almost as serviceable as fur; they are much less expensive and hold their color very well. The astrachan cloth is an example; then there is the dark coney and the black boucle which comes as fine and curly as astrachan. This material makes a very pretty border and can be used in all widths, for skirt trimmings, for cuff trimming and for the bands upon the long skating coat.

DIFFERENT JACKETS.

For a jacket the woolen poplin may have a Scotch mixed whipcord, which is decidedly new. It looks like a man's suiting. It is heavy and crossed many times with whipcords of different colors. This makes a very good winter coat to wear with the plain skirt. Tailor-made jackets, by the way, do not always match the skirt; they sometimes merely harmonize.

The belt is an essential part of the tailor made suit. Take any half long jacket and belt it with a wide band of velvet and you have almost the same results as though you had bought an expensive new belted jacket from Paris.

A clever trick was practiced by a New York girl who had more taste and skill than money. She lives near Central Park and she is getting ready for the skating season. In her wardrobe was a bodice of last year's make without basques. She took this bodice and fitted to the front of it a broad pointed plastron, of the shape known as cuirass. It was broad at the neck and pointed at the belt line. It was made of velvet. The bodice was hooked underneath the cuirass front and the plastron was fastened over it. Of course there was a soft belt of velvet at the waist.

The most eccentric bodices are worn with tailor-made gowns. Bodice pieces are very fashionable. A set of them consists of plastron, lapels, cuffs and collar; and they may be of the same material as the dress or of a contrasting kind.

You see bodice pieces of velvet, of fur, and of silk, variously lined, and of the plain black materials, such as cashmere and poplin, as well as broadcloth and ladies' cloth.

Tailor made dresses have another characteristic. Their fur trimmings are put on eccentrically. Instead of the regulation bands there are bodice pieces of fur also, one of the dressiest of these being a sort of bolero arrangement. The fur is brought around the front seams under the arms in such a way as to look like a bolero. It may be arranged upon a little bolero which is put on separately, or the fur may be simply a way of decorating the tailor-made bodice.

While we are admiring the long coats, such as the automobile, which touches the ground, and the long English box, which is loose and comes to the knees, there is another coat which is gradually creeping upon us and which is very becoming to the figure. This is the cutaway coat. It is tight fitting at the belt and is cut away below the belt in the front, gradually rounding toward the back into coat tails which may or may not be separated. Tailors use almost the identical lines of a man's cutaway coat, fitting it in close to the back, the sides and the front, and cutting it away below the belt line.

There is this to be said for the cutaway. It is very graceful. It adds length to the figure and there is a style about it that is unmistakable.

A BORDER SEASON.

All the tailor-made gowns show a border. This is a border season. It may be only a broad band of stitching to border the jacket. For jacket borders there are sometimes as many as fifteen rows of the stitching in white or in a contrasting color; or the jacket border may be of fur. For such outdoor occasions as skating and winter golf there is nothing as decorative as the fur border, even though it be very narrow.

Vests, boleros and panels are made, or as the modistes say, "developed," from the new French textures. One of these is a crepon with a silk stripe of a contrasting color. Another is a silk, with an odd crepon stripe in it. But you will generally find that the plain colors and standard materials make the best trimmings. Never forget that poplin is a winter material as well as a summer one. In the dark colors, such as bottle green, dark china blue, royal brown and garnet it is perfect.

Since so great a fascination lingers around the word "new," it may be mentioned that there are several new things. A silver fox boa may be new to many when arranged with the head and two feet at one end, the tail and two bushy feet forming the other end. This is expensive but pretty. Another novelty in furs is the fur toque—they used to call them fur caps! The toque has a soft crown caught at irregular intervals; and at one side there is an immense chiffon or tulle rosette, standing very smart and high. To keep the tulle or chiffon in shape this weather there is a lining of silk muslin.

In furs there is another new wrinkle. Old fur coats are made very serviceable by the additions of velvet cuffs, a velvet collar, revers of velvet and sometimes a band of velvet down the front and around the bottom. Take stock of your old fur coat and see how abundantly this would renew it.

Fur muffs show vagaries. A fur muff is trimmed at one side with a very large bunch of tulle loops from which hangs a bunch of short tails.

They also make muffs entirely of chiffon, four different shades being used. A bunch of tails will give the requisite fur finish.

Helen Heard.

BABY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS.

WHILE MAMMA PLUCKS PRESENTS OFF THE TREE OLD SANTA CLAUS WILL STAND IN THE SHADOW CHUCKLING TO BEHOLD THE DELIGHT OF BABY ON HIS FIRST CHRISTMAS MORNING.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Of the Paige Street and Fifth Streat Churches

At the Paige Street Free Baptist church, last night, the annual meeting was held, with a fair attendance of members. Rev. A. E. Wilson was the moderator and he opened the meeting with prayer. J. D. Whitney presented a partial report as treasurer and Mrs. S. W. Wiggin reported for the King's Daughters. Mrs. W. O. Brown presented the report for the Ladies' Sewing Circle. These reports were encouraging and showed good progress during the year.

The following officers were elected: Clerk, J. A. Janvrin; treasurer, J. D. Whitney; prudential committee, J. A. Janvrin, J. H. Brennan; D. P. Knowlton; standing committee, J. H. Caverly, J. E. Armstrong, W. B. Dickinson, W. E. Hatch, S. W. Wiggin; examining committee, W. B. Dickinson, Mrs. Francis Roberts, Hubert J. Kimball, auditor; W. L. Russell; junior deacons, W. O. Brown, Jas. H. Brennan; deaconesses, Mrs. W. G. Howe, Mrs. Margaret Hardy, Mrs. W. O. Brown, Mrs. Francis Roberts.

The annual meeting of the society was held at the conclusion of the church meeting. Rev. Mr. Wilson was moderator and W. O. Batchelder was chosen clerk, J. E. Armstrong was elected treasurer and collector. The election of an auditor and a standing committee was deferred for one week.

FIFTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

The annual meeting of the Fifth St. Baptist church was held last night, Rev. H. W. O. Millington, the pastor of the church, presiding. The report of the standing committee was read by the clerk and accepted, after which came the clerk's report. This gave great cause for encouragement showing that the additions to membership have been more than for several years and that interest in church work has increased. The treasurer's report was deferred until a future meeting but it was stated that this has been one of the most sucessful financial years in the history of the church. The weekly offering system has proved abundantly successful in providing sufficient income to meet the obligations of the church at all times. Reports were next presented from the board of deacons, the Bible school, the mission school and the librarian all of which indicated health and progress. Then came the election of officers and committees for the ensuing year as follows: Clerk, Henry C. Wilder; treasurer, Luther C. Stiles; auditors, C. W. Nevers and Alexander Leggett; standing committee, pastor, deacons, John B. Brown, J. B. Gilman, Levi L. Hall, M. M. Lord, R. B. Thomas, Melvin Eames, F. Carpenter; Bible school superintendent, R. B. Thomas; assistant superintendent, Robert Hollingsworth; secretary, Richard Hulton; superintendent of Hildreth mission, James B. Gilman; assistant superintendent, Thos. Shaw, secretary, Miss Jennie M. Shaw; treasurer, M. H. Dudley.

LAUGHABLE COMEDY

PRESENTED BY THE FIRST TRINITARIAN CHURCH.

Last night the Dramatic club of the First Trinitarian church, under the direction of Mrs. George F. Kenngott, gave their first presentation in the church vestry, of the laughable three-act comedy, the "Donation Party, or New Year's Eve at the Parsonage."

The old-time custom of sweeping down upon the pastor's home and depleting his larder, leaving his family poorer for the visit instead of richer, was wittily hit off by a group of clever amateurs. The play will be repeated this evening and is well worth seeing. The cast is as follows:

Rev. George Baxter, pastor of Punkinville parish, Arthur F. Butler; Herbert, his long-lost son, Herbert D. Hope; Pete, the colored chore boy, William Morgan; Squire Applebee, Aunt Jerushy's admirer, Charles L. Blake; Brother Smith, a wealthy but mean farmer, George Blake; old Peters, a farmer, Walter Muzzey; Mr. Smith, a tree agent, George Blake; Joe, Samanthy's admirer, Hervey J. Gamble; Josh Herbert C. Riddick; Seth, Arthur H. Hope; Bob, Arthur Jones; a tramp, Arthur Hope; Mrs. Baxter, the pastor's good wife, Laura B. Conant; Aunt Jerushy, spinster of forty-five, Laura B. Symonds; Mary and Hannah, the two daughters of the pastor, Crissie Dewar, Lila Wilcox; Phoebe, a colored maid of fifteen, Grace M. Boynton; Marm Brown, deaf but not dumb, Alice M. Wing; Mrs. Wilkins, about forty, Samanthy, about twenty years old, Melissy, about twenty years old, gossips, Maude Baisley, Alice Audette, and Mabel Dent.

CHRISTMAS TREE

FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Christmas tree and entertainment was held last night by the children of the primary department of the First Baptist Sunday school in the church vestry yesterday afternoon. The tree was a beautiful one well filed with gifts for the smaller children and with the chimney in the center of the platform was so realistic that if Santa Claus had popped down at any moment no one would have been surprised. But he was too busy to come and so the presents were distributed by his substitutes, the pastor and his wife, and assistants in the school. The entertainment opened with the singing of "Heart Bells" which was followed by a bible drill and then came songs and recitations appropriate to the season. At the close, little Montague Palmer Ford sang "Sunshine" looking up into his father's face for inspiration. He was loudly applauded.

SUBSCRIPTION PARTY.

The first of a series of three subscription parties managed by the young ladies of the social set was given in Lester's hall last night. There were decorations in the spirit of Christmas week and the dance called out a very jolly number of young people. The matrons were Mrs. George H. Pillsbury, Mrs. Frank H. Holmes, Mrs. A. E. Rose and Mrs. Willis Farrington. Valentine's orchestra furnished the music.

BODY IS STILL UNCLAIMED.

The body of Dale Armstrong, the showman who fell downstairs in a Lawrence Hotel Sunday, still remains at the morgue in that city unclaimed. Relatives in Chicago have been communicated with by the police but no reply has yet been obtained. If an answer does not arrive today the remains will be interred in Potter's field.

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POLISH MURDERS

Nine Persons Murdered at Osiek, Polana

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—A horrible wholesale murder has just been committed in Osiek, near Kalisch, Poland. Nine members of the family of a wealthy landed proprietor named Kowalski were killed after frightful torture. The house was robbed of everything valuable. The mutilated corpses were discovered yesterday, but there is no clue to the murderers.

ANNUAL SUPPER

AND CHRISTMAS TREE AT HIGH STREET CHURCH.

The children of the High street Sunday school had their annual supper and Christmas tree yesterday afternoon and evening with a very large attendance. The room had been nicely decorated with Christmas greens and tables were prepared for the members of the junior and primary departments and they were bountifully filled with good things from the ladies of the church. Mr. W. E. Kezer and a large corps of assistants had charge of the supper and all arrangements were in excellent taste.

Two large trees tastefully trimmed stood on one side of the vestry, the work being in the care of the flower committee of the young people's society. On the platform a large box was prepared for Santa Claus and although his voice could be heard as he handed the presents to Mr. Carl D. Burtt, who called the children's names and mystified them as to the presence of their favorite yet he could not be seen. Besides the presents each child was given a fancy box of candy, the gift of D. L. Page and a large box of assorted confectionery was also sent in by Mr. Frank Rough. Mr. Warren Cornock entertained the company with violin selections and everybody present went away satisfied with the good time provided.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE

WON TWO GAMES IN CHESS TOURNAMENT YESTERDAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The games in the third round of the inter-collegiate chess tournament yesterday resulted as follows:

Falk, Columbia, beat Henry, Princeton, after 46 moves; Falk played a steady game throughout.

Cook, Yale, and Perry, Harvard, played a draw after 45 moves. Sewell Columbia, beat Morgan, Yale, in 63 moves. Both men played fine chess.

The game between Hunt, Princeton, and Rice, Harvard, was not concluded and a decision will be rendered at the conclusion of the tournament. The positions of the contestants were very complicated.

A BANQUET

TENDERED TO TERRY McGOVERN, THE PUGILIST.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Terry McGovern, the bantam-weight champion boxer, was tendered a banquet at the Argyle cafe in Brooklyn last night. At the conclusion of the banquet, a diamond studded belt emblematic of the bantam weight championship was presented to the Brooklyn boxer by Sam C. Austin, on behalf of Richard K. Fox.

TORPEDO BOAT

LAUNCHED YESTERDAY AT THE TRIGG SHIP YARD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 28.—Despite the fact that it was snowing heavily a large crowd assembled at the Trigg ship yard yesterday to witness the launching of the torpedo boat Stockton. The Stockton is a sister boat to the Shubrick, which was launched at the Trigg yard some weeks ago.

Miss Katherine Stockton, the oldest unmarried daughter of the oldest son of Commodore Stockton, christened th boat and the affair went off without the slightest hitch. The Stockton is 175 feet and four feet eight inches draught, and is expected to make on her trial trip 26 knots.

STRUCK BY TRAIN

HENRY R. SIMONDS OF WINCHESTER INSTANTLY KILLED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Henry R. Simonds, a provision dealer of Winchester, was killed last night by a train on the Main street crossing in that town. He had started to cross the track after a freight train had passed by and was struck by a north-bound express and hurled many feet, being instantly killed. He was 25 years old.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTE

TO AID FACTORY INSPECTORS IN OVERTIME WORK.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 28.—The executive committee of the various labor organizations have decided to ask the factory inspectors in every way possible to obtain evidence regarding the alleged illegal running of overtime by the Hargraves and Parker corporations in this city. The claim is made by the operatives that the majority of overtime work is being done under compulsion.

MR. BOUTELLE

IN A PRIVATE HOSPITAL IN BROOKLINE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Congressman Charles A. Boutelle of Maine is under treatment at the private hospital of Dr. Walter Channing in Brookline one of Boston's best residential suburbs. Mr. Boutelle arrived here from Bangor early yesterday morning and was immediately conveyed to the hospital but every attempt to ascertain his condition has so far been met with a courteous but firm refusal on the part of the physician in charge.

Dr. Channing's institution is situated on Boylston street adjoining the estate of the late Col. Henry Lee and is very retired and free from the noise and turmoil. Electric cars do not run within half a mile of it and the neighborhood is entirely residential.

WAR IN THE SPRING.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 28.—Advices received from the Orient yesterday state that Russia and France are conniving to begin encroaching on Chinese territory and against England and that Japan is buying immense quantities of rice. It is believed that war will break out in the spring.

Miss Maude Louise Gillespie, of the class of 1898, Lowell High school and now a student at the Normal school is visiting friends at Haverhill during the holidays.

Eyesight by absorption. Dr. Taylor.

THE GRAND JURY

Investigating Certain Slanderous Rumors

WHICH AFFECTED MARKET PRICE

Of Rapid Transit Stock at Brooklyn

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The grand jury yesterday heard a number of witnesses in the matter of a charge of slander made against persons unknown for the circulation of a rumor to the effect that a receiver was about to be applied for by the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company. It is claimed that this rumor had the effect of so discrediting the stock that it dropped a number of points. The grand jury is trying to ascertain who started the rumor. The case is an unusual one and comes under a section of the penal code which provides a fine and imprisonment for any person who knowingly circulates a false statement for the purpose of influencing the market price of stocks or bonds.

President Rossiter of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company was the first witness in the case. He was before the jury for some time. The next witness called was J. S. Bache of the stock broking firm of J. S. Bache and company of this city. Mr. Bache was served with an order to produce books and papers as it was said that in his orders he had many dealings with prominent persons interested in the depression of stocks.

It is said that Mr. Bache declined at first to answer questions concerning bear operators. He was allowed to consult his attorney and then he re-entered the grand jury room and answered the questions.

One of the results of the testimony of Mr. Bache was the issuance of a subpoena for Joseph Leary, a telegraph operator, employed by James Bache and company. This was regarded as significant, as the firm has a direct wire to Boston and the telegram containing the report in question is said to have been sent from that city.

Mr. E. S. Hooley, manager for Ralston and Bass of this city, was called into the grand jury room. This firm also has a private wire to Boston, from which the false rumor is said to have been sent.

Edward D. Jones of the Talbot J. Taylor company of this city was the next witness. T. J. Taylor is a son-in-law of James R. Keene and is also known as Mr. Keene's broker. Elijah Smith of this city and of Plainfield, N. J., was next summoned before the grand jury. A detective then arrived at the grand jury room with Joseph Leary, the operator in Bache's office. Herbert V. Falke, the manager of the office, protested and wanted to enter the grand jury room with Leary as he said to protect the interest of the firm. When Mr. Leary had completed his testimony, Mr. Falke was escorted into the grand jury room. He remained with the grand jury for a considerable time. Sidney T. Schuyler was the last witness subpoenaed. The grand jury adjourned after Schuyler's testimony.

PRES. NOONAN

DENIES THAT HIBERNIANS VOTED FOR A FENIAN INVASION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 28.—A prominent member of the Hibernians of Ottawa telegraphed President James Noonan of division 36, Ancient Order Hibernians, Worcester, Mass., asking if it were correct that he and the members of the order had voted for an invasion of Canada. A reply has been received denying that anything of the kind took place. Mr. Noonan added that the society was purely for fraternal purposes.

A REUNION

OF MEMBERS OF DARTMOUTH COLLEGE CLASS OF '76.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—A dinner and reunion of the members of Dartmouth college, class of 1876, was held last evening at the Quincy house with ten present. At the dinner arrangements were made for observing the 25th anniversary of the class of 1901. At that time the members of the class will present a scholarship to Dartmouth. For that purpose a considerable sum of money has already been contributed.

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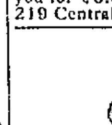

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SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The twentieth anniversary of Ebene lodge, I. O. G. T., was held last night in Pilgrim hall, and the occasion was marked by a supper and entertainment. There was a large attendance and the program was of the usual high class that governs all the entertainments held by this lodge. The program included selections by the Excelsior quartette; readings, Laura Cummings; piano solos, Percy Hands, Inez Turnbull; remarks, Hector Turnbull and phonograph numbers in charge of Frank McLean of Mt. Zion lodge. Letters were read from Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Gardner of Laconia, N. H., and Mr. and Mrs. Seth Warren of Pittsfield, Vt. Supper and a social hour followed the entertainment. The committee in charge consisted of W. F. Johnson, Hector Turnbull, George F. Tilton, Jr., Percy Hands, James Frizer, Misses Jessie Frost, Leola Craig and Mrs. W. F. Johnson, Mrs. Hector Turnbull and Mrs. Ida A. Tilton had charge of the supper, the young ladies of the lodge assisting.

Last night Grand Instructor William M. Webber and a large assembly of brothers were present at Centralville lodge, I. O. O. F., to witness the working of the third degree. There is no doubt that the third degree as conferred by this lodge with its many impressive features and perfect floor work, is unexcelled in the state and Grand Instructor Webber during his remarks said that he had never before seen the degree exemplified in so beautiful a manner. His talk was very interesting and full of instruction. Florist Mason had the assistance of the Centralville lodge orchestra and it is needless to say that the music added greatly to the working of the degree. Remarks were made by Past Grands Fleming, Foye, Fuller, Cluer, Secretary Nevers, Noble Grand Carroll of the Oberlin lodge and others. Attendance 125. Installation and banquet next Wednesday evening.

One candidate was initiated and three candidates acted upon at the regular meeting of Lowell lodge, A. O. U. W., held last night. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: P. M. W., Frank I. Hall; M. W. Frederick G. Humphries; Foreman, Therlon A. Holt; overseer, John W. Duncan; recorder, Herbert W. Locke; (11th consecutive time); financier, Benj. Hodgman, (20th consecutive time); receiver, Leonard J. Labounty (20th consecutive time); guide, Elmer E. Crowell; I. S. W., Paul R. Burtt; O. S. W., James Murphy; representative to the grand lodge, Frank I. Hall; alternate, Robert H. Malno; trustee for three years, Oren F. Goodhue. It was voted to hold a public installation Wednesday, January 24, 1900. Recorder Locke reported that he had paid to the widow of the late P. M. Whitman of 201 Pawtucket street, $200, the amount due her on the death of her husband, who was a member of Lowell lodge. Mrs. Whitman received the money in less than three weeks after her husband's death.

The following officers were elected last night at the regular meeting of Mechanics lodge, I. O. O. F., for the ensuing term: N. G., John A. Weinbeck; V. G., Samuel A. McPhetres; secretary, Frank B. Wright; treasurer, Arthur H. Slater; financial secretary, D. B. H. Bartlett; trustee for three years, Waldo Sargent; marshal, James E. White.

At the regular meeting of Emulus Thompson Commandery, U. O. G. C., held last vening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months: P. N. C., Lizzie A. Davis; N. C., Cynthia C. Howe; prelate, Georgianna Rhodes; K. of R., W. H. Gilman; F. K. of R., C. M. Young; treasurer, W. H. Emmott; herald, George Merrill; W. I. G., C. W. Cook; W. O. G., W. A. Jones; trustees one year, A. J. Jones, Lizzie A. Davis and W. A. Jones; rep., Lizzie A. Davis.

Routine business only was transacted at the regular meeting of Ladd and Whitney post 185, G. A. R., last night. Officers will be elected at the next regular meeting.

Last night the regular meeting of Clan Grant, A. O. S. C., was held and officers for the ensuing six months were elected. The officers elected were: Chief, George Gordon; tanist, George Campbell; chaplain, James Dempster; recording secretary, A. W. Mowatt; financial secretary, R. J. Houston; treasurer, William Houston; senior henchman, John Grant; junior henchman, Stewart Gregg; seneschall, William Chisholm; warder, D. Turnbull; sentinel, P. Caddell. The clan will hold a grand soiree, concert and dance at Manchester Unity hall on New Year's night and a good time is expected.

At the meeting of Star of Lowell Circle, Foresters of America, held last night, six candidates were initiated and seven propositions were received. Officers for the ensuing term were elected and are as follows: Chief Companion, Maria Markham; sub chief companion, Miss Mary Welch; financial secretary, Ellen K. Roche; recording secretary, Mrs. Martha Walsh; left guide, Miss Geoghegan; right guide, Miss Mary Sullivan; inside guide, Miss Myers; outside guide, Miss Mary Dacey; physician, Dr. J. E. Leary.

At the regular meeting of Spindle City Circle, Foresters of America, held last night, seven candidates were initiated and three applications were received. Officers for the coming six months were elected as follows: Chief companion, Mrs. Clara McPhail; sub-chief companion, Mrs. Bridget Crane; financial secretary, Miss Rose Ward; recording secretary, Miss Kittie Collins; right guide, Miss B. Leonard; left guide, Miss Annie Sheehan; inside guard, Miss Maggie McCabbott; outside guard, Michael Gilligan; trustee for three years, Miss Annie Taylor; physician, Dr. McAdams.

At the regular meeting of James A. Garfield Post 120, G. A. R., Wednesday night, only routine business was transacted. At the meeting of the Ladies' Relief Corps the first Thursday in the new year the post will join with the corps in installing the corps' officers.

Dorcas Temple, Rathbone Sisters, held their regular meeting last night, and the officers were nominated.

TEXTILE SCHOOL

TO BE ESTABLISHED BY FALL RIVER OPERATIVES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FALL RIVER, Mass. Dec. 28.—The Loomfixers' association yesterday completed a transaction by which it becomes the owner of a building and land on Bedford street, which will be converted into a textile school for the use of the members of that organization.

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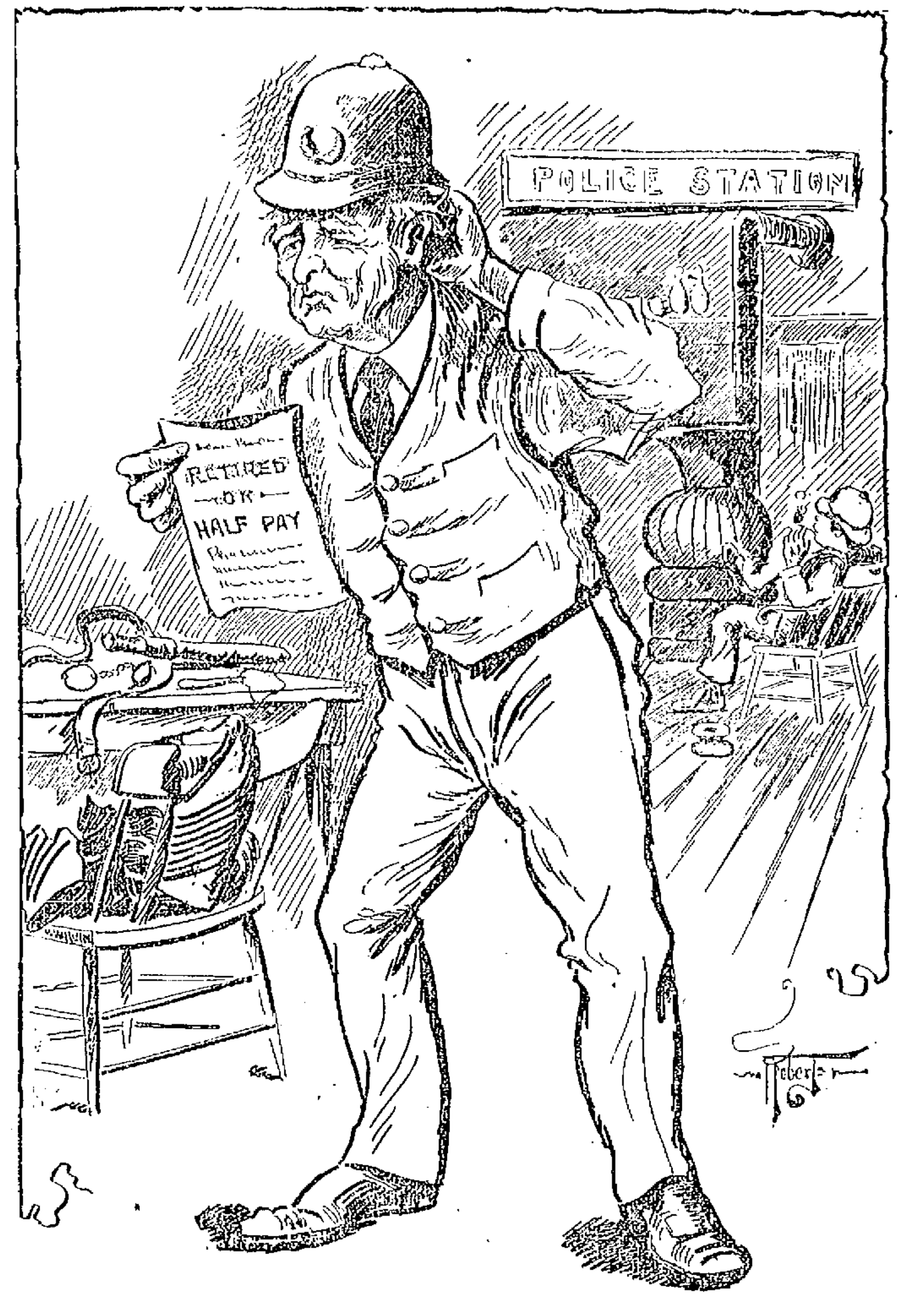

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

At the Belvidere church, the service will be carried out with characteristic splendor. The Christmas decorations will remain in place enhancing the beauty of the scene. The doors will open at 11 o'clock Sunday night, and the great bell will ring out at 11.50.

The front of the church on a line drawn across the transepts and extending for a score of pews further down the centre aisle will be reserved for seat-holders to whom tickets will be distributed Sunday. Red tickets will admit to the centre aisle, blue to the seats on the west or Blessed Virgin side of the church and white tickets to the east or St. Joseph side. All the remainder of the room will be open to all who come.

The solemn high mass will begin promptly at the stroke of midnight. The choir will give a magnificent program. The service will open with the singing of Ave Verum. Then Kalliwoda's grand and most melodious mass will be sung and for the first time here with orchestral and organ accompaniment, the American orchestra having been engaged. At the offertory, Van Reysehoot's Christmas hymn Noel will be sung. At the close of the mass benediction will be given the choir singing Verdi's Tantum Ergo and the service will close with "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name," sung by the choir and congregation with organ and orchestra.

Holy communion will be given at the mass. Confessions will be heard throughout the evening, beginning at 6 o'clock. Those desiring to receive communion at this mass and who go to confession Saturday, are expected to ask permission of their confessor.

ST. MICHAEL'S.

Solemn high mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's at 12 o'clock Sunday night. The doors will be open at 11 o'clock. Director James Murphy will arrange an elaborate program and the soloists will be Mr. and Mrs. Murphy, Miss Nano Gallagher and Mr. Thomas P. Boulger.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

At St. Peter's church the midnight mass will be celebrated with all due solemnity and arrangements are under way for an elaborate musical service in connection with the mass.

SACRED HEART.

At the Moore street church, solemn high mass will be sung and Miss Sullivan, directress of the choir, has arranged a beautiful musical program.

A SUGGESTION.

Undoubtedly every church will be crowded at the midnight service, for the opportunity to attend it comes only once or twice in a lifetime. This generation will have midnight mass twice, next Sunday night and one year hence, when the new century shall be ushered in. Owing to the beauty of the service, hundreds of non-Catholics will probably attend. For the accommodation of the thousands who will attend the midnight mass, The Sun suggests that the street railroad company extend the running time on some of its lines to accommodate those wishing to attend.

EVANGELIST JACKSON

TO CONDUCT SERVICES AT TRINITARIAN CHURCH.

Rev. George F. Kengott, speaking of Rev. Charles L. Jackson, who is to conduct the evangelistic services at the First Trinitarian church says:

"Dwight L. Moody, who always meant what he said, having heard Rev. Charles L. Jackson, the evangelist of Melrose, conduct a service in a crowded assembly, said of him: 'That young, slim, smooth-faced, black-haired man is one of the country's best evangelists.' Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D. D. an intimate friend of Mr. Jackson, commended him with equal warmth. Mr. F. P. Shumway of Boston, a leader in the work of the Y. M. C. A., and the Evangelistic Association, recommended him very highly. His personal character, the quality of his work and the success already achieved in other communities, commend him to the Lowell public.

"He begins a series of evangelistic meetings in the First Trinitarian Congregational church, Dutton street, on Wednesday, January 3d, at 7.30 p. m. There will be meetings every week-day evening except Saturday at 7.30 o'clock. All are invited to these services which are sure to be helpful."

TEAM FOUR WON

DEFEATED TEAM SIX IN Y. M. C. I. TOURNAMENT.

The contesting teams last night in the Y. M. C. I. bowling tournament were teams four and six, and the former team won easily, defeating their opponents by a margin of 3[illegible] pins. Tom Kelley of the winning team broke the single string record, making 2[illegible], while the former record was 217, held by Fee. Kelley was also high man of the evening, making 531 in the three strings. The score:

Team Four.				
Kelley	218	147	16[illegible]	531
Flood	157	155	1[illegible]	[illegible]
Shinners	12[illegible]	1[illegible]0	1[illegible]	[illegible]
Barry	1[illegible]	157	1[illegible]	47[illegible]
Healy	[illegible]	1[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Team Six.				
Dunham	1[illegible]	1[illegible]	1[illegible]	[illegible]
*McPhea	1[illegible]	1[illegible]	1[illegible]	[illegible]
*Jordan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
*Donnelly	1[illegible]	1[illegible]	1[illegible]	[illegible]
Sullivan	1[illegible]	[illegible]	12[illegible]	[illegible]
Total	615	6[illegible]	612	1[illegible]

*Absent.

BRILLIANT COTILLION

AT BURBANK HALL LAST EVENING.

Burbank hall was the scene of a brilliant social event last evening, the occasion being a cotillion given under the patronage of four Belvidere ladies. The hall was elaborately decorated and the receiving party consisted of Mrs. Willis Farrington, Mrs. Alfred [illegible], Mrs. Frank [illegible] and Mrs. George H. [illegible]bury. There were about [illegible] and the evening was one of pleasure. [illegible]'s orchestra furnished music, and at intermission a dainty lunch was served by the D. L. Page company. This is the first of a series of three parties to be held under the same auspices.

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Mrs. E. Z. Denomme, April 21, 1899. Cohoes, N. Y.

LAWTON FUND

HAS NOW REACHED A TOTAL OF $1,491.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—It was announced last night that Adjutant General Corbin has received in actual cash and checks, $1,3[illegible] towards the Lawton home fund, and has received notices of subscriptions from individuals and others in cities where funds are raising for the relief of General Lawton's family, sufficient to bring the total up to $1,491.

HARRIET ALLSOP

BURIED BY THE CARDERS' AND PICKERS' UNION.

When Mrs. Harriet Allsop died as the result of a burning accident on Christmas Eve, she did not have a friend to see to her burial. However, she was fortunate enough to be a member of the Carders and Pickers' union though she was entered on the books as Harriet Briggs, and the members of the union took more than a friendly interest in her. The deceased was entitled to a $10 death benefit from the union and with this the expenses of the funeral were defrayed. A delegation from the union attended the simple funeral and the following members of the body officiated as bearers: Thomas F. Connolly, Kate McCarthy, Mrs. Bamber, Johanna Keenan and Mary Munroe. Interment was in the Edson cemetery under the direction of Undertaker Peter Davey.

MATRIMONIAL.

Mr. John Francis Saunders, the well known and popular provision dealer of Gorham street and Miss Alice Josephine Mahoney, daughter of Overseer of the Poor Thomas Mahoney, were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the parochial residence of St. Patrick's parish. The matrimonial ceremony was performed by Rev. Edward F. Saunders of St. Peter's church and a cousin of the groom. The bride was attended by Miss Minnie I. Saunders, and the best man was Mr. Thomas P. Sullivan. The bride and bridemaid were handsomely attired in fine silk and looked charming. The marriage ceremony was followed by a reception which was held at the home of the bride's parents, 46 Butterfield street, and there a delectable wedding supper was served to friends and relatives, the D. L. Page company catering. There were many guests from out of town, including the following named: Patrick, William and Henry Mahoney of Norwich, Conn., Miss Helen and Elizabeth Saunders and Frederick Saunders of Newmarket, N. H.; Rose Lannon, Groveland, Mass., James Saunders and Thomas Mahoney of Mt. St. Mary's college, Emmittsburg, Md. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion with evergreen and potted plants. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders left on the 5.50 train for New York for an extended honeymoon and will visit other points of interest before returning. They will be at home to their friends early in February at their new home, 558 Fletcher street. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous costly wedding gifts.

FIELDING—HITCHEN.

Mr. Joseph F. Fielding, a popular salesman for M. Donovan & Co., wholesale fruit dealers, and Miss Sarah Hitchen, were united in marriage last evening at 7 o'clock at the First Primitive Methodist church. Rev. N. W. Matthews performing the marriage ceremony. The church was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns and other tropical plants for the occasion. The bride was attended by Miss Alice Ogley and was given away by her uncle, Mr. Thompson. The best man was Mr. Albert Fielding, brother of the groom. The bride was charmingly attired in white muslin and carried bride roses, and the bridesmaid also wore a becoming costume of white muslin. The ushers at the church were Messrs. William Fielding, Albert Bury, James Wilmot and Walter Jewett.

Immediately following the ceremony an informal reception was held at the bride's home, 15 Madison street. A bountiful wedding repast was served, the following ladies acting as waitresses: Mrs. Bury, Mrs. Fielding, Mrs. Ogley, Mrs. Wilmot, Miss Brown, Miss Sarah Ogley and Miss Maude Wilmot. Supper was followed by an impromptu program which included the following numbers: Vocal solo, Jas. Whitehead; piano selections, Albert Asmuth; vocal duet, Osmond Long and Miss Alice Ogley; imitations, Thomas Howard.

Among the out-of-town guests present were Mrs. Hampson of Pawtucket, R. I.; Mrs. John Fielding of Lynn; Mr. Edward Fielding of Somerville and James Broadbent of New Bedford.

Mr. and Mrs. Fielding left late in the evening for an extended wedding trip which will include Boston, Lynn, and other points of interest. Upon their return they will reside at 16 Madison street where they will be at home to their friends after January 15. The happy couple were the recipients of many beautiful and costly wedding gifts.

RODDY—HALEY.

Mr. Michael Roddy and Miss Bridget Haley were united in marriage last evening at the parochial residence of St. Michael's parish at 6 o'clock, the ceremony being performed by the pastor Rev. William O'Brien. The bridemaid was Miss Nora Haley, the bride's sister, and Mr. Michael Burke was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at No. 174 Lakeview avenue.

BRODEN—QUINN.

Mr. Joseph Broden and Miss Anna A. Quinn were joined in wedlock yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the parochial residence of St. Patrick's parish, Rev. M. J. Leonard officiating.

DIED SUDDENLY

WARREN WEBSTER PASSED AWAY LAST NIGHT.

Last night, Warren Webster, an old and highly respected resident of this city, died very suddenly at his late residence in Varnum avenue. Mr. Webster had apparently enjoyed his usual health yesterday and had made a journey down town. He came home, ate his usual hearty supper and immediately retired, uttering not a word to convey the impression that he was in other than his usual health.

About 8.30, members of the family were startled by a slight noise seemingly emanating from the direction of his room. They went to his assistance just as the aged gentleman passed away.

Deceased was 71 years, 5 months of age and besides his widow he leaves three daughters and one son.

BENNETT'S SUPPER

CANDIDATE FOR SPEAKER ENTERTAINS DELEGATES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—In response to a printed notification issued a day or two ago, about half a hundred supporters of Mr. Bennett gathered at the Bellevue in Boston yesterday. The early arrivals found the new Bennett headquarters in charge of M. E. H. Dockham, who has figured as Mr. Reed's secretary. The stenographer who had been employed in Mr. Reed's Adams house headquarters has also transferred his equipment to the Bellevue.

Before the dinner Mr. Bennett's committee gave out the following statement:

"The withdrawal of Mr. Reed in favor of Mr. Bennett renders Mr. Bennett's nomination on the first ballot now very probable, and there is no doubt of his nomination if more than one ballot is taken.

"As the business men's candidate Mr. Bennett has the support of business men all over the state. He is making steady gains. An increase of no less than 15 in the number of his supporters this week is expected to be followed by further gains of a positive nature during the next few days; in fact, Mr. Bennett's nomination is now practically assured.

"If there is any doubt upon this subject we are willing to compare names and figures with the friends of any of the other candidates."

There were 62 republican members-elect at Mr. Bennett's dinner in the cafe of the Bellevue. These included 10 of the Bristol county delegation, which was given the place of honor at the head table. Representative Davis of Amesbury presided and after-dinner speeches were made by Reed of Taunton, Gilpatric of Boston, Barrington of Franklin, Weeks of Fall River, Francis of New Bedford, Bennett of Saugus, Salter of Lynn, Emerson of Boston, Pettingell of Salisbury, Mills of Fall River, Hunt of Worcester, Porter of Lynn, Sprague of Quincy and Dowse of Malden.

Notice is hereby given, that the subscriber has been duly appointed public administrator of the estate of James Carrane, alias James Cartane, alias James Carrone, late of Lowell, in the county of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are hereby required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREE.

Through an error some tickets for the Christmas tree function at the women's branch of the People's club tonight, have reached the hands of children older than those for whom it is intended. Children between the ages of 4 and 10 only are invited. Older ones will not be admitted. The tickets were given to children who attended the summer playground school managed by the Middlesex Women's club, and there will be room for only a hundred of the little folks. A good time is assured to all the fortunate ones of the required ages and gifts and feasting galore will be there.

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PROBATE COURT.

Middlesex, ss.

To the heirs at law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of HENRY M. BACON, late of Lowell, in said county, deceased, intestate:

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to ANNIE S. BACON of Lowell, in the county of Middlesex without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held in Cambridge, in said county of Middlesex on the second day of January, A. D. 1900, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation, once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-third day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

S. H. FOLSOM, Register.

DR. DONEHUE DENTIST RUNELS BLDG.

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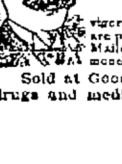

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HEROES AT REST

150 Victims of the Maine Disaster Buried

Chaplain Clark and Father Chidwick Conducted the Services—Pres. McKinley and Cabinet Members Present

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The remains of the 150 victims of the Maine disaster brought from Havana by the battleship Texas, were buried today with full military honors, upon a knoll in Arlington cemetery. The exercises were exceedingly simple. They were in charge of Captain Sigsbee, now of the Texas, who was captain of the Maine on the night when his ship was blown up in Havana harbor two years ago. President McKinley and the members of the cabinet, Admiral Dewey, Major-General Miles and his staff, and many other officers of the army and navy stationed in Washington were present at the burial.

Lieut.-Commander Wainwright and Lieut. F. C. Bowers, both of whom were on the Maine when the explosion occurred, also were present. All the army and navy officers were in full uniform. Several troops of cavalry from Fort Meyer, a battalion of marines from the navy yard, and a detachment of sailors from the Texas were drawn up about the flag-draped caskets, which were ranged row on row along the brow of the hill, each bearing a beautiful wreath of Galax leaves. Despite the snow and nipping cold over a thousand spectators pressed against the roped lined enclosure to see the ceremonies. Te Marine band played a dirge, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," and then simple Protestant and Roman Catholic funeral services were conducted by Chaplain Clark of the Naval academy and Father Chidwick, the chaplain of the Maine, under a canvas canopied shelter in the open space facing the square in which the coffins lay beside their open graves. After the religious services, a detachment of marines in their spiked helmets, fired a salute of three blank volleys for the dead, and a bugler sounded "Taps." The ceremony lasted barely 20 minutes.

Among the sailors of the Texas present was Jeremiah Shea, who had a miraculous escape on the night of the explosion, being blown out of the stokehole. He was introduced to the president by Captain Sigsbee.

After the ceremony the coffins were lowered into their graves.

EFFECT OF POISON

Doctors Tells How it Worked on Cornish

Lively Day in Molineux Case—Counsel Engaged in Some Heated Tilts and Were Called to Order by the Court

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—The trial of Roland B. Molineux, on the charge of having caused the death of Mrs. Kate J. Adams, which occured just one year ago today, by poison which he is alleged to have sent through the mail to H. S. Cornish, who boarded with Mrs. Adams, proceeded as usual today in the Court of General Sessions. Handwriting expert John F. Tyrrell was called to the stand and Assistant District Attorney Osborne began a redirect examination. Mr. Tyrrell was handed an exhibit containing genuine Cornish writing and was asked to identify it. Mr. Weeks objected, was overruled by the court and at once began an animated arraignment of Mr. Osborne for offering the writings.

A spirited tilt followed which was brought to an end by the recorder saying:

"Gentlemen you must not wrangle in this maner when a man is on trial for his life."

The witness then said he had seen Cornish write. He identified as being in Cornish's writing the signatures on bank signature cards that were recently placed in evidence. Mr. Weeks then began a re-cross-examination.

"Are you prepared to swear and do you swear that no other man in the world save the defendant, could have written the address or exhibit?" (The poison package wrapper) asked Mr. Weeks.

"Not originally," answered Mr. Tyrrell, meaning that the original writing could not have been done by any one save the defendant.

Mr. Weeks repeated the question and Mr. Tyrrell answered. "I am not acquainted with the world. It is a pretty big place. But I stand by my testimony."

Mr. Tyrrell left the stand and Dr. Wendell C. Phillips was called. Dr. Phillips was the physician in attendance of Harry S. Cornish at the time he was ill at the Knickerbocker Athletic club. He also attended H. C. Barnet when ill of poisoning at the same club.

"Doctor, have you had any experience in poison cases?" asked Mr. Osborne.

"Very little."

"Please tell all that experience—tell it in your own way."

Mr. Weeks objected, but was overruled. Dr. Phillips then said he had been called to attend H. C. Barnet and found him suffering from some kind of irritant poison. He told of his treatment of this case and of the death of Barnet and then of his treating H. S. Cornish one year ago today. Cornish was suffering from an irritant poison that he recognized as the same form of poison that caused the death of Barnet.

Dr. Phillips said he found Cornish in bed, very pale and very dark under the eyes. He appeared to have been severely ill. A Dr. Coffin was present. The witness then said his patient had a very weak and intermittent pulse; he and Dr. Coffin washed out the patient's stomach and bowels. Witness then told of the nature of the result obtained when the emetic acted.

The substance obtained from the stomach was thick and ropey, he said. There was only one conclusion he could reach and that was that the patient had taken an irritant poison.

Dr. Phillips was asked if he could have diagnosed the nature of the poison from the Cornish case alone and he said he feared not.

"Have you had other experience in the same sort of poison cases?" asked Mr. Osborne.

"I have."

The question of treatment given Cornish was next taken up and the witness said he and Dr. Coffin gave medicines to remove the effects of the poison as well as to soothe the stomach and bowels.

Dr. Phillips said he attached great importance to quantities of a mucous substance which came from the stomach for the reason that it indicated the presence of some very severe and powerful irritant.

Mr. Osborne then asked if the witness had treated a case similar to that of Cornish and was answered in the affirmative. He said it was at the Knickerbocker club and was asked to give the name of his patient, but was not allowed to answer, Mr. Weeks objecting and being sustained.

Dr. Phillips was permitted to testify that he had attended another person, where the symptoms were like those he found in Cornish. This referred to Henry C. Barnet. The poisoning, he said, came after taking "some substance."

"Did you see that substance?" asked Mr. Osborne.

"I did."

"Did you see it taken by the patient?" asked Mr. Weeks.

"I did not," answered the doctor.

"What was his condition as to the pulse?" asked Mr. Osborne.

"Very strong."

"What was his complexion?"

"Very sallow."

"Did you ever see similar conditions in another patient?"

"I did. It was Cornish."

This evidence as to the "patient" referred to Barnet.

Mr. Osborne tried to get before the jury what Barnet had said to the doctor about the contents of a box found in his room. There was strong objection by Mr. Weeks, but he was finally overruled.

Dr. Phillips then said in answer to questions that in his opinion at the time he attended his patient, (Barnet) he was suffering from some powerful irritant poison, but formed no opinion of the nature of the poison. He did form an opinion as to the source from which the irritant came.

Dr. Phillips said he formed the opinion that the substance taken by the patient purported to be a medicine. He said the patient mentioned a box on a table in his room.

26TH. REGIMENT

Two of Its Soldiers Were Injured

COL. LOCKETT AVENGES LAWTON'S DEATH.

Civil Marriages Allowed in Philippinos

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28—Gen. Otis at Manila, sent to the war department yesterday the following list of casualties not previously reported:

Killed in action, engagement near Benan, Dec. 11, 3rd. Cavalry, A. Harry Sweger, Chas. W. Fraze; action against Romblon, Panay, Dec. 10, 18th infantry, Charles J. Feley.

Wounded—William J. Sheesey, hospital corps, abdomen and head, slight, wounded and taken prison during attack on train near Angeles, Sept. 22, escaped during engagement near Mangatian, Nov. 28; action near Alimodian, Panay, Nov. 26, 26th infantry, F. Thoros Russel Russell, foot, slight; H. John Nadeau, thigh, severe; 18th infantry, A. William A. Hicks, arm, severe, action, Lagranji, Samar, Dec. 7, 6th infantry, M. Payton, M. Womstock, slight; Reed M. Kenny, shoulder, attack on Ulngaman, Samara, Dec. 8, 6th infantry D., Raymond D. Burbee, thigh, slight; William Haggard, both wrists, slight; advance on Sibul, Dec. 10, 4th cavalry, B. Lorenzo A. Declaiment, corporal, chest, moderate; H. Winthrop Richardson, corporal, thigh, severe; action Iva, Dec. 19, 25th infantry, E. Olsh Wade, leg, slight; action near Tarlac, Dec. 10. 25th infantry, Burt McCoy, corporal, thigh, severe.

CIVIL MARRIAGES ALLOWED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Gen. Otis has issued a decree authorizing the celebration of civil marriages in the Philippines. He cabled Secretary Root to that effect yesterday, and the secretary approved the action.

Heretofore all marriages were celebrated by the Catholic church, so that Protestants and non-Christians were prohibited from marrying. The decree does not interfere with the Catholics, who may be married according to their own rites, but extends the privilege of civil marriage to those who desire it, just as is practised in the United States.

LAWTON IS AVENGED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MANILA, Dec. 28.—Col. Lockett, with a force of 250 men, including artillery, attacked yesterday morning a strong force of insurgents intrenched in the mountains near Montalban, about five miles northeast of San Mateo. The enemy was completely routed, the Americans pursuing them through the hills, amid which they fled in every direction.

Four Americans were wounded. The Filipino loss was large, resulting from a heavy infantry and artillery fire for three hours into the trenches.

It is supposed that the insurgents were those who were driven out of San Mateo on the day Gen. Lawton was killed. They numbered probably 100.

A dozen lines of insurgent trenches covered the steep trail through the hills and likewise the valley below, along which the Americans passed. The main attacking party, consisted of the 46th volunteer infantry, a troop of cavalry and the artillery, Col. Lockett commanding in person.

The rest of the command operated from remote points in an endeavor to carry out Col. Lockett's plan of throwing his lines around the enemy, and thus cutting off retreat. The nature of the mountainous country made it impracticable to execute this movement successfully.

After the insurgents began to run there was a vain attempt to use artillery.

SHARP ENGAGEMENT

WAS THAT IN WHICH MAJOR LOGAN WAS KILLED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Mail advices have reached the war department in regard to the crushing defeat administered by Wheaton's brigade to the insurgents near San Jacinto, early in November, in which engagement Major John A. Logan, Jr., lost his life. According to the correspondent of the Manila American, the 33d infantry under Col. Hare, encountered a force of the enemy between San Fabylan and San Jacinto, and brought on one of the sharpest engagements of the war resulting in the death of more insurgents than in any other fight since the beginning of the insurrection. The battle raged for two hours and at its conclusion 77 dead Filipinos were found in the trenches. Many wounded were found hidden in the high grass and creek bottoms.

It is estimated that over 100 insurgents were killed in the fight. Twenty-nine prisoners and 100 rifles were captured. The Americans lost one officer, killed and six wounded.

The officer killed was Major John A. Logan, Jr., who was shot through the head during the first few minutes of the engagement while at the head of his battalion, which formed an advance guard. He was in the act of assisting a wounded soldier and was hit by a Mauser bullet, fired by a sharpshooter concealed in the top of a cocoanut tree. He died a few hours later.

ONE AMERICAN KILLED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MANILA, Dec. 28.—It now appears that one American was killed in the attack upon the Subig garrison yesterday by General Santa Ana.

MISSING TELLER ARRESTED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—J. J. Herbert, the missing teller of the defunct Ville Marie Bank, was arrested in this city this morning.

ANOTHER STRIKE

Employes of Brussels Finishing Room

OF THE CARPET MILLS QUIT WORK

Were Refused an Increase of Wages

AGENT LYONS SAYS FIFTEEN WENT OUT

Operatives Say That Entire Room Quit

Amid the general prosperity that is evident on all sides, the struggle of labor and capital goes on and a strike is reported from the finishing room of the carpet mills.

An operative states that a committee from the Brussels finishing room made a formal demand for an increase of wages early this morning, impressing the fact that all woolen mills have increased wages except the Carpet mills.

Agent Lyon, he further states, took no stock in their demand and as a result all the help in the Brussels finishing room, over 100 in number, went out in a body and will hold a meeting this afternoon.

The Sun reporter talked with Agent Lyon over the telephone and he stated that only 15 employes who are employed on rugs went out on strike, but the finishing room was closed down after they went out.

JOHN DORNAN

MAY BE CHARGED WITH A SERIOUS CRIME.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

EVERETT, Mass., Dec. 28.—John Dornan of this city was arrested yesterday, charged with assault but the charge may be changed tomorrow, as Patrick McElroy, the man he is alleged to have assaulted is now at the Whidden memorial hospital in a precarious condition.

General C. A. R. Dimon is still in Salem, his condition not warranting his removal yesterday. No dangerous symptoms are feared if he does not have a hemorrhage.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Keefe of Claire street are receiving congratulations. It is a 10-pound boy, born Thursday.

Miss Sallie T. Pike of Salisbury, Mass is the guest of Mrs. Lorenzo A. Folsom of Appleton street.

FUNERALS.

MACKEY—The funeral of Jean Maxwell Mackey, was held yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock from her late home, 18 Franklin street. Rev. W. A. Bartlett officiated and the bearers were relatives of the deceased. Interment was in the Lowell cemetery under the direction of Undertaker Currier.

KEOUGH—Yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock the funeral of the late Bridget Keough took place from her home, 4 Hampshire place, off Hampshire street. The funeral was very largely attended and there was a profusion of floral tributes. The casket was borne by the following gentlemen: Martin Larney, Thomas Manahan, John Killeen and John Hathall. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery under the direction of Undertaker C. H. Molloy.

FRECHETTE—A mass of requiem was celebrated yesterday morning at 8 o'clock over the remains of the late Rosalie Frechette at St. Jean Baptiste church. Rev. Fr. Fournier, O. M. I., was celebrant. The bearers were Joseph and Arthur Lamarre, Henry Simard and Thomas Durand. Interment was in St. Joseph's cemetery, under the direction of Undertaker Joseph A. Albert.

VARNEY—Funeral services over the remains of little Ruth Mabel, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Varney, were held Tuesday afternoon at the home of her parents on Ash street, Rev. C. E. Fisher officiating, and Undertaker Currier in charge. Burial was in the Lowell cemetery.

MITCHELL—The funeral of Mrs. Gertrude L. Mitchell took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from 1491 Middlesex street. Services were held at the house, Rev. Mr. Bennington officiating. There were numerous floral pieces from her many friends. The bearers were Joseph E. Rack, John Outcumbes, Henry Lorenea and John H. McMahon. Interment was in the Edson cemetery, under the direction of Undertaker J. F. O'Donnell.

SMITH—The remains of Michael Smith, the boy who was drowned yesterday while skating on Beaver brook in Dracut, will be shipped to Amesbury tomorrow noon for interment.

DEATHS

MINTER—Mrs. Elliert Minter, aged 72 years, wife of James M. Minter, died yesterday at her late home, 93 Rolfe street. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at half past two o'clock.

CHURCHILL—Sadie L. Churchill, aged 23 years, died yesterday at her late residence, 704 Middlesex street.

PROULX—Leontine Proulx, wife of Leon Proulx, aged 35 years, died Tuesday night at her late residence, 9 Knapp's Block, Moody street.

REPORT NOT BELIEVED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The publication of the Lokalanzeiger of Berlin of the secret treaty between Germany, Portugal and Great Britain, providing for the partition of the Portuguese colonies, meets with no credence in official circles here. A foreign office official said to a representative of the Associated Press that their advices from Portugal and Germany left no doubt that the publication was largely invention.

HE IS INNOCENT

Chelsea Aldermen Have Faith in Chief Drury

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHELSEA, Mass., Dec. 28.—Chief of Police William P. Drury of this city was exonerated this morning of charges of malfeasance preferred against him by Mayor Seth J. Littlefield last Tuesday, when the mayor removed the chief from office, subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen. The board of aldermen after a public hearing, which began at eight o'clock last night and finished at 4.15 o'clock this morning, voted that the charges had not been sustained. Only one of the 15 aldermen voted against Chief Drury.

The specific charges were that Chief Drury was acting in collusion with keepers of dives, pool rooms and other places, to give them warning of intended raids, and that by using the curtains of his office windows he signalled to interested parties wherever warrants were issued.

PUBLIC BEQUESTS

IN THE WILL OF DANIEL S. FORD

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 28.—The will of Daniel Sharpe Ford, publisher of the Youth's Companion, was filed for probate in the Middlesex county probate court today. The value of the estate is estimated at about $2,590,050. The will which is dated October 21, 1898 contains the following public bequests:

Museum of Fine Arts, $6,000; Boston Public Library, $6,000; Boston Young Men's Christian association, $7,000; the Massachusetts General Hospital, $7,000; Boston City Hospital, $6,000; Boston Children's Aid society, $5,000; Children's Hospital, Boston, $5,000.

Article 10, provides $20,000 per year for two years or a shorter time contingent upon the action of the Baptist Social Union for the religious, educational and benevolent work of the Ruggles Street Baptist church.

Article 11 bequeathes $350,000 to the Baptist Social Union, subject to conditions, among which are that it shall become a corporation within two years after testator's death. This sum is to be used with such sums as may be added for the erection of a building for the use of the union.

Article 12, leaves the entire Youth's Companion plant, with certain real estate, to the executors, to be administered for the benefit of the Baptist Social Union.

Article 13, divides the residue as follows:

One-sixth to the American Baptist Home Mission Society; one-sixth to the American Baptist Missionary Association; one-ninth to the Massachusetts Baptist convention for feeble Baptist churches; one-ninth to the conference of Baptist ministers in Massachusetts; one-ninth to the New Hampshire Baptist convention; one-ninth to the Vermont Baptist convention.

WOOD ALCOHOL

Caused the Death of Several Persons

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MELROSE, Mass., Dec. 28.—An investigation following the death of Edward McLaughlin, who died here yesterday, has brought to light facts which lead to the belief that a number of persons were poisoned by drinking wood alcohol Christmas night. The first victim was Michael Flannery, aged 41 years, who died Monday night, and another Wallace F. Dixon, who died today, making three in all. It is understood that two others are in a critical condition.

When Flannery's death was reported to the police, a hasty examination was made, the cause of death being assigned to alcoholism. When McLaughlin died under nearly the same conditions, yesterday, a more searching investigation was ordered. It was then learned that several men, including Flannery and McLaughlin, had been drinking heavily Christmas night, in a shed near Dill's ice house. Among other things, a large amount of cider and wood alcohol was consumed.

FAVOR THE LEASE

NEW YORK CENTRAL WANTS THE B. & A.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 28—The New York Central stockholders at a meeting at noon today, voted on $65,500,000 worth of stock, unanimously in favor of purchasing the lease of the Boston & Albany. United States Senator Depew cast one vote for the American stockholders and George Bowditch of the J. P. Morgan & Co., for the English stockholders.

RECEIVERS DISCHARGED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 28—Judge Sanborn in the United States circuit court has filed an order discharging the receivers of the Northern Pacific railroad company. The property and affairs are turned over to the stockholders in the reorganized company which succeeded the old corporation, and bid in its holdings.

DEFENDANT WON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BROCKTON, Mass., Dec. 28.—The suit of Nickerson vs. Quincy & Boston street railway for $50,000 damages for the loss of a leg was ended today. The jury returned a verdict for defendant today in superior court. Jury was out all night.

Rev. Thomas Haworth of 336 Moody street will be 80 years old next Saturday. He will keep open house from 3 to 9 o'clock p. m., and all friends are invited at that time.

REP. BOUTELLE

Is Now at the McLean Asylum

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—No information could be gained today at the McLean asylum, Waverly, to which it was reported today that Congressman C. A. Boutells of Bangor had been taken for treatment, the attendants having been forbidden even to admit that the man was there, but during the day, E. P. Boutelle, brother of the congressman, admitted that the latter was at the institution. Mr. Boutelle, while refraining from disclosing the exact nature of his brother's disease said that the patient had been taken to the McLean asylum as his symptoms were such as called for the most skillful treatment.

Owing to the secrecy maintained in connection with the case, all sorts of rumors were heard during the day, among them having been a story that the congressman was dead. An attempt to verify the report at the institution was fruitless, but no credence was placed in the report. The query as to Congressman Boutelle's condition met with the reply from an official: "You'll have to ask the superintendent. We do not know anything about it."

"Where is the superintendent?"

"He's out."

"Coming back?"

"Not until evening."

To a question whether the rumor that Congressman Boutelle was dead was true, the official answered: "We can't say anything one way or the other. Only the superintendent can tell you. We do not know."

"Is Mr. Boutelle at the institution?"

"I cannot say anything."

The reason for the secrecy does not appear. When asked about the matter today, Mr. E. P. Boutelle said:

"I saw him in the asylum yesterday and there was nothing in his condition to occasion alarm. I left word with the asylum authorities to notify me at once if anything happened, and they will do so. I have heard nothing from the asylum today, so I know there is no change in his condition. There is really nothing in my brother's condition which would indicate that his illness is fatal."

THROWN FROM TEAM

AGED MAN BADLY INJURED ON THORNDIKE STREET.

An aged man named Mark Brown was thrown from a wood team on Thorndike street near the freight yard about 2 o'clock this afternoon and severely injured. The ambulance was summoned and the injured man was removed to St. John's hospital.

When picked up, Mr. Brown was unconscious and at the hospital upon examination it was found that he had sustained a severe scalp wound and he was bleeding from the right ear. His injuries, however, are not considered serious.

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THE SUN LATEST!

5 O'CLOCK

SHOE WORKERS

New National Organization Talked of in Lynn

BREAK AWAY FROM PRESENT ONE

Opinion of Labor Trades on Matter

A special from Lynn to the Boston Transcript says:

With the opening of the new year a movement among the Massachusetts organized shoe workers, which has slowly been forming, will probably take definite form. It will be bitterly opposed and strenuously supported, as sentiment appears to be nearly evenly divided upon the issue. It is nothing less than to form the nucleus of a national organization of shoe workers to take the place of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union. Already there are many members of the associations which have broken loose from the national body, regretting the action that they have taken and convinced that it would have been the better policy to have stood by the national union. On the other hand, a large proportion of those who have stood by the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union are dissatisfied with the high per capita tax and the new constitution.

The first week in January the Hand Turn Workmen's Union, recently organized, with well organized unions in Haverhill, Portsmouth, Lynn, Salem and other places, will meet in convention for the purpose of forming an independent organization. The Lasters' Union of Essex county took similar action over a year ago. The Cutters' Union of Brockton and other cities are not satisfied with the new constitution, and should a new body be formed, including the organized lasters and handturn workmen, it is believed that many of these unions would come in with them.

Captain Curry, one of the leading labor men of this city, formerly prominent in arbitration matters and thoroughly conversant with the situation in the labor field here, takes a pessimistic view of the matter. "It is a sign of the weakness of the union shoe workers," he said. "It is a body breaking up into component particles. Machinery has dealt the union shoe workers' organizations such a blow from which they can never recover. They were foolish enough to waste their strength in fighting the installation of machinery instead of recognizing that it was inevitable. A labor organization is a trust. Only as long as that trust can control labor is it strong. In leaving the national bodies, no matter what the causes were, the local shoe workers' unions have committed a fatal mistake. In this city alone there are over 12,000 shoe workers. Formerly over half of those employed in the shoe factories were connected with labor organizations and these with national bodies. Today there are not over 1200 shoe factory employes in Lynn who are members of labor unions. That fraction is too small to have any real influence upon the labor market, as they control so little of the product required."

A member of one of the Lynn lasters' unins believes that the step taken by the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union in raising the dues to the present high figure was a wise one, and that only in that direction lies any hope for organized shoe workers. "We have failed in the past," he said, "because we had no funds to fall back upon in our hours of need. With the new constitution provision is made for a strike fund, which must grow no matter what opposition is shown. It would not bear so hard upon the local unions because the death fund and strike fund of the main union could be drawn upon when needed and only the actual running expenses of the local unions would have to be joked after by the local secretary. It would save us a great deal of expense in books and other supplies."

The main cause of the opposition to the Boot and Shoe Workers' union is the feeling, which has been fostered by those opposed to the policy of President Tobin and Secretary Eaton, that these two men are dominating the union, and that only by drawing away entirely from this body and forming a new organization can the local unions have any voice in the control of the policy of a national association of shoe workers.

It is impossible to tell what action the Lynn Lasters' union will take under its present very conservative management. Secretary Wadleigh refuses to discuss the situation. He has succeeded by energetic effort in placing this union once more on its feet, with a slowly increasing membership. It is noticeable that since he has assumed control of the union it has not had any strike lasting over half a day, and it has been successful in obtaining higher prices in more than one factory, while there has been less friction between employers and employed than has prevailed here for years. Should this union decline for a new national body and unite with the handturn workmen's organization, the other lasters' unions in this section of the state would follow suit, and the foundation of a new organization would be already laid.

There is a possibility that there will be a bolt back to the Boot and Shoe Workers' union next year, by the organizations which have left it, as the union is acquiring a fund for the new methods and the need of a national organization is imperative.

IN PRISON GARB

JOHN FENDINGER, A CONVICT, CLAIMS MARY RYAN.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Dressed in regulation prison attire, black and white stripes, John Fendinger, felon, twenty-nine years old, now serving a year's sentence in the penitentiary on Blackwell's Island for larceny, was on Sunday married to Mary Ryan, twenty-five years, pretty and rosy-cheeked. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Knoll, one of the chaplains of the institution.

Weddings rarely take place within those grim walls, this being the first in about four years. Romance finds no place in the life of a convict—stern discipline forbids. But this was an unusual case, one that teemed with touches of human interest. Warden J. J. Fallon, naturally a kind-hearted man, listened to the appeals of the couple. He relented and for once the rules were relaxed.

GENERAL STORE BURNED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SHARON, Conn., Dec. 28.—The general store of C. B. Dakin & Co., was totally destroyed by fire last night, entailing a total loss of about $17,000; $10,000 on the stock, and $6,000 on the building, nearly covered by insurance.

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FOUND A FOSSIL

That Weighs About Six Tons

By Associated Press to The Sun.

VALPARAISO, Chili, Nov. 27.—A fossil evidently prehistoric and a cross between an alligator and a lizard, was found at Caldera, a seaport of Chili in the province of Atacama, on a fine bay, by Mr. Archie Mackenzie, August 26 last, lying on a sunken rock near the north beach. He reported the find to the authorities and by order of the Intelidente, Senor Carlos Sayago, it was lifted out of the water in sections and brought ashore, where it was photographed. It is now being boxed, preparatory to removing it to Valparaiso.

Evidently an uncommonly low tide at the time of the discovery had washed back the sand which perhaps had covered the fossil for many years and left it exposed to view. It is believed to weigh six tons and measures in length approximately 28 feet 11 inches. The head is nine feet long and the tail 14 feet 11 inches long. Across the back it measures 9 feet 9 inches. The fossil is well petrified and has considerable stone or "toza" hanging to it.

A BLOODY WAR

Eleven Villages Destroyed by Heavy Slaughter

By Associated Press to The Sun.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 28.—News has been received by the steamer Aorangi of a bloody civil war which has been raging among the natives of Mirlwand, New Guinea. In the fighting, the head chief was defeated and eleven villages were destroyed with heavy slaughter.

RESIDENCE BURNED

YOUNG LADY REMOVED FROM BURNING BUILDING.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SOUTHPORT, Conn., Dec. 28.—The residence of Alfred Chambers on Sasco Heights, was totally destroyed by fire early this morning with a loss of about $6,500. Miss Chambers, a daughter, who was ill with pneumonia, was removed from the burning house with much difficulty and the shock rendered her condition serious.

COL. CODY PROTESTS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Since the recent announcement of the new policy of the interior department discountenancing wild Indian exhibitions, the department has been deluged with both written and oral inquiries. Col. W. F. Cody has protested that the action will nearly ruin his business.

SQUIRE CREDITORS MEET.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—About a dozen creditors of Frank O. Squire & Co. met at the office of Hon. George Fred Williams yesterday and after discussing the situation for more than an hour adjourned without taking any action. Mr. Williams stated that he attended the meeting of the creditors of the John P. Squire Co. a week ago, and was refused any standing there because he represented a creditor of Frank O. Squire. Mr. Williams said he had begun suit in behalf of his client, who holds notes amounting to $25,000 and had succeeded in placing a special attachment upon a house in this city which had been conveyed by Mr. Squire to H. W. Chaffin, assignee of the John P. Squire company.

BIG FIRE

CAUSED A LOSS OF OVER $65,000.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 28.—The three story building on the north side of Washington street, between Meridian and Illinois streets, occupied by Bresnan Bros., dry goods, was badly damaged by fire early this morning. The firm loses about $25,000, two-thirds of which was covered by insurance. The building was owned by Edward Schumann and was damaged several thousand dollars.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WILLIMANTIC, Conn., Dec. 28.—A two-story woolen building on Walnut street, owned by Judge John M. Hall, was destroyed by fire early this morning, causing a total loss of about $1,000; insured.

THE CHIEF DANGER

To This Republic Lies in Trusts

SO SAYS ATTY. GEN. MONNETT

Declares People are Defied by Trusts

ATTACKS STANDARD OIL METHODS

And Stands for the Sovereignty of the People

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Hon. Frank S. Monnett, the attorney-general of Ohio, well known throughout the United States as an uncompromising opponent of trusts, made an interesting address before the 20th Century Club last evening in the hall of Boston University, law school on "The Abdication of Sovereignty."

The hall was well filled by members of the club and their friends. Mr. Monnett said:

"I want to demonstrate to you tonight that the most potent weapon of oppression is that club that we my sovereign people hand over to certain favored interests and they in turn having thus seized the mace of governmental authority, pervert it to their own use and for their own self-aggrandisement in defiance of the rights of the great majority of individuals or citizens composing such sovereignty."

The speaker then discussed at some length the application of the people of the eminent domain as applied to transportation facilities, quoting from court records the decisions of eminent jurists in cases in point. Continuing, he said:

"I maintain that if by a great aggregation of capital a pipe line company may gamble all the oil of the fields with its system and connect with the manufacturing centres, which it in turn so controls as to prevent all competition and is enabled to destroy all competitors then the state and federal governments for the good of the common man and the common welfare, has the power and right, and it is his duty to interfere.

"I believe that I can safely assert that very little injury has ever been done through the accumulation of capital in the manufacturing business or in other producing departments, so long as the competitors had an equal chance through the markets at the transportation departments.

"It is the millions that have been made from the favoritism obtained through the governmental grants as recognized in the transportation department as above illustrated that are disarranging the great commercial and economic conditions of today. The $600,000,000 owned by a little coterie of the Standard Oil magnates, the $1,000,000,000 controlled in the iron, coal, copper and other industries by a limited number of capitalists, represent the fruit of this illegal abuse of the government's natural functions."

The speaker then took up, at length, evidence presented before the Ohio trust investigation commission, with reference to the methods of business of the Standard Oil company, and also referred to testimony given before the industrial commission at Washington, to show the arrogance of monopolies, especially of the Standard Oil company of Ohio.

"We have," he continued, "in this, the close of the 19th century, a spectacle of grants of corporate power, creatures of the state, more powerful that the creator, subverting the legislature, delaying judicial proceedings, delaying courts, or in other words, treating the United States and the state of Ohio as they have treated the railroads; compelling servitude on the part of the state, rather than the state retaining its sovereignty over its creatures. It is as complete an abdication of sovereignty, so far as this octopus is concerned, as any of a sovereign in history.

"Their attack upon every public official who dares to lift his finger or exercise his office against their encroachments may be bitter and may destroy that individual, but let another step forward and fill the gap. Step forward, march on, shoulder to shoulder and recover our lost power, assert the sovereignty of the state over its creatures; if necessary even by revoking the charters and conducting the transportation department by the state itself."

MUSIC HALL

The Victoria Burlesquers will open this evening at Music Hall, also tomorrow, Saturday and matinee. This company played here early in the season and gave so much satisfaction Manager W. H. Moody deemed it his duty to give them a return date, which he has done for the patrons of Music Hall. It is expected that the house will be crowded at every performance as the advance sale of tickets for this evening is very large.

SOLEMN SERVICE

Over the Remains of Late Supt. Begley

The remains of the late Philip T. Begley were consigned to their final resting place yesterday in the Needham cemetery.

A requiem high mass was celebrated in the morning at St. Mary's church, Newton Upper Falls. Rev. M. E. Begley of Weymouth, a brother of the deceased, celebrated mass and was assisted by Rev. Daniel Kelliher of Medway as deacon; Rev. C. I. Riordan of St. Mary's, sub-deacon; and Rev. Matthew J. Flaherty of St. John's seminary, master of ceremonies. A number of priests were also in the sanctuary.

The church was crowded with a sorrowing throng, in which was a large delegation which came from the scene of Mr. Begley's recent activities. About 100 employes of the Lowell and Suburban company represented that corporation and many other friends from Lowell and elsewhere were present.

The pallbearers were Messrs. J. S. Murphy, J. P. Haggerty, Thomas A. Kerrivan, Thomas Daly, D. H. Leary and Thomas Murphy.

Floral tributes, many and beautiful, also attested the high esteem in which Mr. Begley was held. The employes of the Lowell and Suburban sent a magnificent standard of flowers to "Our Superintendent"; General Manager P. F. Sullivan and wife, wreath; Mr. J. S. Murphy, large bouquet; Mr. J. B. Fitzpatrick, ivy wreath and violets; Mr. E. T. Chandler, wreath; also wreaths and flowers from Mr. N. E. Morton, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Beede and many others.

The music by the choir was of a very impressive character, the singing of the "Benedictus" and "Nearer, my God, to Thee," touching many to tears. Miss Margaret Sullivan, the organist, directed the music, which was given by Miss Alice Sullivan and Miss Mary Daly, sopranos, Mr. Hurley, tenor, Messrs. James Sullivan and Joseph Murphy, baritones. Mr. Harry Cleary of Roxbury also assisted.

After the mass, Rev. T. J. Danahy, rector of St. Mary's, delivered a short but eloquent eulogy.

AN EXPLANATION

Wanted by Mazet From Lawyer Moss

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Frank Moss's alleged officiousness in circulating his own views as to what the Mazet committee should recommend to the legislature, coupled with the acceptance of them by many as conclusions likely to be finally reached by that body, provoked Chairman Mazet to write Moss a very hot letter. He demands an explanation as to why Moss had furnished the report for publication either Saturday or Sunday last, while members of the committee were unable to get copies of it until yesterday. Mazet argued that had a lawyer committed such an offense toward a client he would be liable to disbarment. As Moss is the paid counsel for the Mazet committee the application is obvious.

Moss replied, substantially that a newspaper having printed a fragmentary and garbled account of his report he had felt justified in giving the entire report to remove misapprehension. So serious is the friction between Moss and Mazet and other members of the committee because of the alleged breach of faith that the chairman is now hard at work upon an entirely new report. The meeting called for Thursday next has been called off, and Mazet says he cannot just say when the committee will get together. That gathering, when it does occur, promises to be sensational in the mutual criminations and recriminations which may pass between counsel and members. Not one of the latter received a copy of Moss's digest until yesterday. Moss, however, avers that all were mailed on Saturday last.

Assemblyman Wilson of Brooklyn, one of the republican members of the committee, said: "Mr. Moss's conduct in procuring the publication of his report before we members got a copy of it was unjustifiable. I have yet to receive my copy."

Mr. Wilson intimated that whatever Moss had written would be promptly repudiated at the next meeting of the Mazet committee.

Chairman Mazet denied that he and his fellow members proposed to punish Moss by curtailing his counsel fee.

PADDED CELL

A MUCH NEEDED ACQUISITION TO THE LOWELL JAIL.

At last, The Sun's suggestion of some time ago for a padded cell at the Lowell Jail has been acted upon for Deputy Sheriff Baker has had a cell prepared for the reception of delirium tremens cases. It is 9 by 5 1-2 feet, and is considered one of the best of its kind in the state.

Sheriff Fairbairn inspected the new cell yesterday and pronounced it properly constructed. While in the city Sheriff Fairbairn visited Supt. Wyman at the city farm and inspected that institution. He was highly pleased with his visit there and complimented Supt. Wyman on the excellent care taken of the inmates.

MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Impressive memorial services in memory of the late Duke of Westminster were held in Westminster Abbey today. Representatives of Emperor William and most of the English royalty were present. Mme. Albani sang a solo. Mr. A. J. Balfour, the diplomatic corps, and many other notables also attended.

There was a similar service in Chester Cathedral. The queen's representative and all the municipal and county bodies were present. Mr. Henry White, secretary of the United States embassy, was among those who attended.

A BENEFIT MEETING.

This evening at 8 o'clock there will be a benefit meeting in old Odd Fellows hall, Merrimack street, for the aid of Clinton Hollins, a former conductor of the Lowell & Suburban Street Railway company. The affair is under the direction of Mrs. Annie L. Jones and Miss Blanche Brainard of this city.

Court Middlesex, 16th anniversary ball at Associate hall, Friday evening, Dec. 29th.

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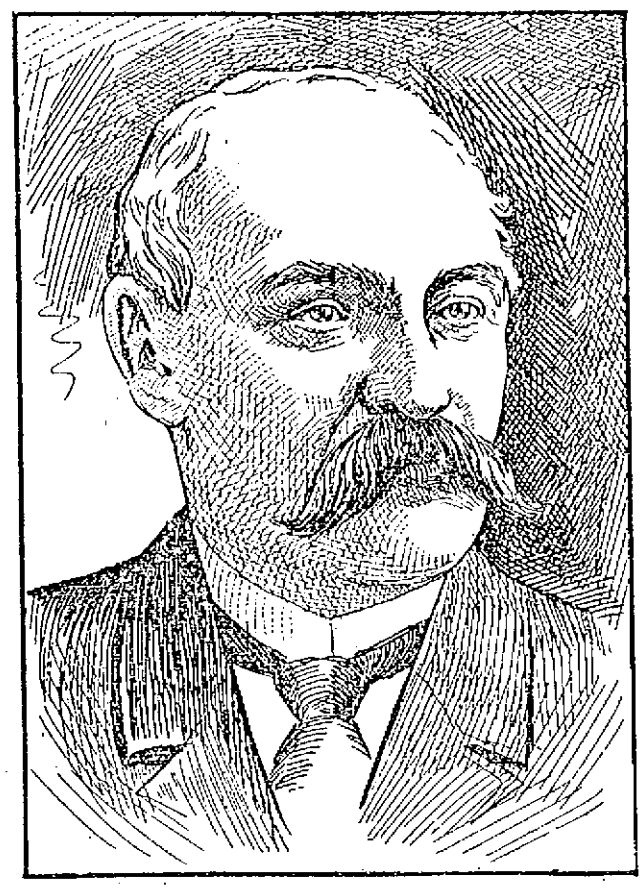

GRAND MASTER C. C. HUTCHINSON, WHO MADE AN ABLE ADDRESS AT THE MASONIC CELEBRATION IN BOSTON YESTERDAY.

In his address at the dedication of the Masonic Temple in Boston yesterday, Grand Master Hutchinson portrayed the legends of Masonry from the time of Solomon's temple to the founding of the order in the new world.

"We can almost find ourselves," he said, "standing in the splendid courts of that magnificent edifice amid the assembled multitude listening to the wonderful prayer of the Most Excellent Grand Master Solomon, invoking the blessing of the grand architect upon his work and beholding with bewildering amazement the flame as it descended upon the altar; overcome with awe by the shadow and glory of the Shekinah as they filled the whole house in approval of the perfectness of the work. As to Masonry, there has been no period in the world's history when it occupied a loftier or more honorable position before the civilized world, or embraced within its membership more of the intelligence and character of the age.

"Its purpose, power and systems; its character, plans of labor, its importance as a great moral and benevolent association are commanding the attention of the philanthropist and all good and true men are pressing forward to participate in its privileges. It is with sentiments congenial to our present undertaking that we have come today to dedicate this temple to the uses of the Masons. It is dedicated to the cause of intellectual improvement in the hope that the institution may here exert its most salutary influence, to the end that its name and mystery, surviving the decay of earthly temples, may be safely transmitted to future generations to faith, hope and charity, which shall abide when all else shall have passed away. We dedicate it in the name of that Almighty Being whose presence as a cloud filled the Temple of Solomon. May our love for it grow stronger and stronger, and may we say of it as Cardinal Richelieu said of his native land:

"France, I love thee:
All earth shall never pluck thee from my heart.
My mistress France! My wedded wife!
Who shall proclaim divorce for thee and me?"

CHOATE'S ORDERS

To Inquire About Flour Seizure

ENGLAND'S RIGHT IS DOUBTED

Believed That it Will be Amicably Settled

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The seizure by British cruisers of cargoes of American flour in the vicinity of Delagoa bay has been unofficially reported to the state department, and the department has in turn sent instructions to Mr. Choate, our ambassador at London, to demand an explanation of the English authorities.

Until Mr. Choate's report has been received the state department authorities refuse to make any official statement. Unofficially there is no hesitation about discussing the seizures, the only restriction being that the names of officials shall not be used.

"The right of England to seize contraband on the high seas when consigned to a neutral port," a prominent official said, "is a doubtful one. Neutrals have a right to sell contraband of war to a belligerent, and that right carries with it the liability of capture and seizure.

"That right is recognized in the case of contraband consigned to the port of a belligerent; when consigned to a neutral port that right is more than doubtful, unless it can be clearly shown that the contraband was to be passed through the neutral territory to the belligerent's country.

"In the present instance, I understand, the cargoes were consigned to Lourenzo Marquez, a neutral Portuguese port. The English suspect that the contraband was to be shipped from Lourenzo Marquez to the Transvaal. Their suspicion is probably true, but mere belief is not sufficient unless they can conclusively prove that the flour was intended for the Transvaal or Orange Free State under international law there was no justification for the seizure of these cargoes by English cruisers.

"The case of the Transvaal is unique. Heretofore, when nations have gone to war, they have had ports, and it was to those ports that contraband was consigned. It was then easy to intercept cargoes, and vessels in which contraband was found could properly be seized as prizes.

"But the Transvaal has no port, and all its supplies enter through a neutral port, which is open to the commerce of the world, but brings about complications. The principle is well established.

"In Wharton's international law digest, a standard American authority, you will see it stated that 'it is of the very essence of the definition of contraband that the articles should have a hostile and not a neutral destination. Goods going to a neutral port cannot come under the description of contraband all goods going there being equally lawful.'

"It having been shown that the property of neutrals to a neutral port may not be interfered with, and on the other hand, that belligerent has the right, to quote the words of Secretary of State Pickering, 'to capture and detain the merchant vessels of neutrals on just suspicion of having on board enemy's property, or of carrying to such enemy, such articles as are contraband of war,' the point involved is whether there is evidence enough, to show that, despite the ostensible port, the real destination was the Transvaal. It might be possible for this to be shown and conclusively proved, and in that case the seizures would be justified.

"However, I do not not apprehend the slightest trouble or friction as a result of these seizures. The British authorities will undoubtedly pay for all the cargoes they take, and I imagine it makes little difference to the ordinary shipper whether his flour feeds British or Boers.

"The state department is concerned in the principle involved. It cannot sanction the unlawful interference with American citizens, and will insist that the [illegible] be observed.

"There is still another curious point in this case. As I understand, while the cargoes were the property of Americans, the ships were British and sailed under the British flag.

"The right of a nation to seize her own vessels cannot be questioned. How far that right extends to the cargo covered by the flag I frankly confess I am not prepared to say at this time. It is a novel question, and one which will require careful thought.

"It might be held that the cargo was British as the ship was, but I am not prepared to admit that without further consideration. All I can say is that I do not believe any complications will follow which cannot be amicably adjusted."

SCIENTIFIC CLASSES

ELEVEN OF THEM IN SESSION AT YALE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 28.—The members of the eleven scientific societies meeting in this city this week conjointly with the American Society of Naturalists, gathered last evening for the initial meeting of the society in North Sheffield hall where Prof. Addison E. Verrill delivered an address on "The Geology and Natural History of the Bermudas" giving his own investigations in these islands. Previous to this gathering, most of the societies meeting here held at least one session during the day and several of them two sessions, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. A number of scientific papers were read and discussed at these meetings.

The reception under the auspices of the local committee for Yale university followed Prof. Verrill's address in the alumni hall, where the distinguished visitors to the number of several hundred were permitted an opportunity of social intercourse. Today the regular program of each of the eleven societies will follow out the program as announced. The meetings are all held in buildings of Yale University.

HISTORICAL CLASS

OF THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY AT BOSTON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—A three days' session of the American Historical association was inaugurated yesterday with a good attendance of delegates from all over the United States. The speakers included Prof. H. E. Bourne of Western Reserve university, Prof. F. W. Williams of Yale; A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard; Rev. Prof. E. C. Smythe of Andover, Rev. W. G. Andrews of Guilford, Conn.; Rev. Dr. Burrage of Portland, Me.; all of whom presented interesting papers and at the evening session the welcome of the commonwealth was extended by Gov. Wolcott. President James Foote Rhodes of the association delivered his inaugural.

CHELMSFORD

The regular semi-monthly sociable of the Unitarian society was held last evening in the vestry. The usual substantial supper was served under the direction of Miss M. E. Richardson as matron, assisted by Mrs. H. H. Emerson, Mrs. James P. Emerson, Mrs. Howard S. Adams, Miss Mary Dix. The waiters were Miss Martha E. Warren, Miss M. Hodgman, Miss Abbie Ford, Mr. Howard S. Adams. Besides two songs by lads, "Old Dog Tray" and "Uncle Ned," the interesting entertainment, under the direction of Mrs. Granville Pierce, was entitled "Pictures of Celebrities." These, 63 in all, were numbered and placed upon the walls and then the Yankee ingenuity of the company was taxed to determine the personality of the portraits. Two prizes were offered and were won respectively by Rev. Granville Pierce, who guessed 37, and Mrs. Wm. H. Hall, who identified 32.

The annual meeting of the proprietors of the Chelmsford social library will be held at the house of Miss Mary Richardson Monday evening, Jan. 1, at 7.45 o'clock. The principal business is to take action upon transferring the "Warren" fund and what remains of the "Adams Emerson" bequest to the town as there now seems to be no necessity to continue the corporation [illegible] the proprietors of the social library, their books having been transferred to the Adams public library.

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School Board of '99 Goes Into History

TEACHER OF ELOCUTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Complimentary Remarks to Retiring Members

The school board held its last meeting of the year last evening and most of the time was devoted to the election of a teacher of elocution in the high school and the presentation of votes of thanks and complimentary remarks.

The following report of the committee on teachers was adopted:

"We recommend that a certificate of the sixth grade be given to Katherine Coggeshall, and that the certificate of George A. Willey which has lapsed on account of the two years limit be renewed.

"We recommend elections as follows: Fred W. Putnam, Mary Hussey, Helen Butrick, Ernest Everett and Katherine Coggeshall, to the high school; Hortense Lamere to the Franklin kindergarten; S. Alice Knapp to the Worthen street kindergarten; and Ethel Baker to the Charles street kindergarten.

"We recommend increase of salaries as follows: Thomas R. Fisher, from $900 to $1000; George F. Sturtevant, from $1000 to $1100; and Wm. F. Thornton from $900 to $1000, the latter to add to present duties, work in looking up absentees from the evening schools.

"We recommend that Miss Irene Weir of Brookline be engaged to teach drawing in the training school for the balance of the year at $5 per day.

"We recommend that the election of primary and grammar school teachers be postponed until the regular meeting in March, 1900.

"ANDREW G. SWAPP,
WILLARD EVERETT,
JAMES E. DONNELLY."

Before the adoption of the report, Chairman Swapp said in explanation of the last clause, that the training school started in for the year with an entire corps of new teachers. They took from the head of the list some of the best graduates of the training school, because they needed to strengthen the school on the start. That force has gradually been reduced, and an election now will upset the schools throughout the city.

The board then proceeded to the election of teachers, recommended in the report, with the exception of teacher of elocution and physical culture in the high school. The list was elected as above, with that one exception.

A ballot was then taken for teacher of elocution and physical culture, resulting as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 8; necessary for choice, 5; Adelaide E. Noyes, 1; Mary Joyce, 3; Mary Hussey, 1.

A second ballot gave the same result, and on the third ballot Miss Noyes' name was dropped and Miss Joyce received three votes. Miss Hussey five.

On motion of Mr. Donnelly, the committee took a ten-minute recess.

When the meeting was called to order again, another ballot was taken, resulting the same as the third.

On the 5th ballot, Miss Hussey received six of the eight votes, and was declared elected.

The truant commissioner's monthly report was read and accepted.

Supt. Whitcomb presented the resignation of Miss Marietta F. Crowley of the Lakeview avenue school, who was recently married. The resignation was accepted with the usual vote of thanks. Mr. Stearns calling attention to Miss Crowley's long period of faithful and successful service.

Mr. Whitcomb presented a list of names from Principal Irish of the high school, of pupils in the junior class who are not reaching the standard of requirements. The scholars were placed on probation, and on motion of Mr. Stearns the secretary was directed to ascertain from which schools the pupils in question were graduated, and inform the principals of the fact.

Mr. Everett of the training school committee asked for an appropriation of $100, to be used in fitting up the office, and it was granted. Mr. Swapp was also given permission to make a few necessary changes in the equipment of the Bartlett school.

Before adjournment, Mr. Stearns made a complimentary speech expressing regret that Mr. Thomas Murphy, the member from ward two, was about to retire from the board.

Mr. Swapp then called attention to the vacant seat of Mr. A. H. Schoolcraft, who, it is reported, has practically given up his residence in Lowell on account of poor health. He spoke in complimentary terms of Mr. Schoolcraft. He then referred to his four years of service as chairman, and expressed gratitude for the kindness universally shown him by the members. He said he should retire from the position feeling that he has had more than his share, and is glad to become a private in the ranks and do everything in his power to help whoever might take his place.

On motion of Mr. Everett, a rising vote of thanks was given Mr. Swapp for the fair, square and candid treatment given every member of the board.

The meeting was then adjourned.

THEIR FIRST AT HOME.

Dr. and Mrs. James F. Sullivan of 230 Pawtucket street held their first "at home" from 4 to 6 and from 8 to 10 o'clock last night and the guests numbered not less than 350. The decorations were the result of a very artistic arrangement of pine trees, laurel and roses. An orchestra composed of members of the Symphony furnished music and the D. L. Page company catered. Dr. and Mrs. Sullivan were assisted in receiving by the Misses Costello, Miss Nellie Sullivan, Miss Dempsey, Miss Helen Dempsey, Miss Alice Dempsey, Miss Katharine Donovan and Miss Adelaide Crowley. The reception was an enjoyable one in many ways.

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HE IS A FRAUD

Faculty of Holy Cross College Imposed Upon

BY ONE POSING AS A BISHOP

President Lehy Gave Him Thirty Dollars

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 28.—The Spy today says:

It turns out that the Right Rev. J. Meerschaert, bishop of the Indian tribes of the west, who visited Holy Cross college in Worcester, December 5, and was received with open arms by the unsuspecting members of the faculty and students, was not Bishop Meerschaert at all. It is pretty certain that the alleged prince of the church was none other than a clever and experienced confidence man named O. F. Lewis, of Russo-Jewish extraction. Now that the imposition has become known, the priests and students at Holy Cross recall many little peculiarities about the pseudo-bishop that at the time of his visit were regarded only as lapses due to his extreme old age for he certainly appeared on the frontiers of 80, if he was a day.

At the time of his visit to the college he said he was on his way to his see in the west after having paid a visit to the Pope. He told thrilling stories of escapes and hairbreadth adventures with Indian tribes so admirably that no one suspected him of being a prevaricator. He said too that he had converted whole tribes. He had no conscientious scruples against acting as well as pretending the part of a Catholic prelate. He said mass the morning after his arrival and yesterday it was recalled that he made a number of slips as well as proved to be remarkably deficient in his knowledge of Latin.

The man has operated, it is said, all over the country, but usually he enacts the part of a priest and not that of a bishop. He was discovered at Rochester, N. Y., owing to his lack of knowledge of Latin. A few years ago he tried to bunco Father Feehan of Fitchburg out of some money by means of a forged check. His deception was seen through and later after a desperate struggle he was arrested and served three years in the state prison.

Rev. John F. Lehy, president of Holy Cross, gave him $30 when he started off on his return as was supposed, to his beloved Indian charge in the wilderness.

CLASS OF 98

HELD THEIR ANNUAL REUNION LAST NIGHT.

A pleasant social event took place at the High school hall last night, the occasion being the reunion of the class of 1898 of the Lowell High school. There were about 75 members present. It was unanimously voted to hold a reunion every year and to observe the event by a banquet. It was also voted to make the present officers of the class permanent. They are as follows: President, Thomas J. O'Donell of Tufts College; vice president, Miss Edith Dempsey; secretary, Miss Ardelle W. Roper; treasurer, Frederick Gorman; sergeant-at-arms, Francis Murphy.

The following committee was appointed to arrange for the banquet next year: Messrs. Robert Elliott, Brady, Joseph Wright and the Misses Halloran, Smith and Essie Roche. After the meeting a general entertainment was given by members, and included piano solos by Joseph Wright, Lloyd Howarth, Lillian Leith. Dancing followed, the music being furnished by different members.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Misses Jennie Allen and Marietta Cassidy, teachers at the school, who served as matrons.

During the evening, Messrs. Robert Elliott and Herbert Bixby made remarks on the good of the organization. Miss Jennie Allen also made an address to the class and was heartily received.

CHILDREN'S RECEPTION.

The teachers of the primary classes held a children's reception last evening at the John street church. The children were merrily entertained with pleasant games, were feasted to the full with good things including the essential ice cream so dear to children's palates and then the contents of two Christmas trees were distributed. Mrs. Orville E. Coon was mistress of ceremonies and the evening was completely successful.

DECLINED TO SAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—The house No. 1002 Pine street is a boarding house. It was said there last night that a girl named Rose Melville lived there last May and that she was still in Philadelphia. Her present address was refused. Persons in the house declined to tell whether or not the girl was married.

POLICE WORKING

Investigating Stanislaw Leczenski's Death

BOY ARRESTED FOR BUNKING OUT

He Tells a Pitiable Tale at the Station

The police inspectors are hard at work on the case of Stanislaw Leczenske, the Pole who died at St. John's hospital and who is believed to have been a victim of foul play, and nearly every Pole on William street has been seen by the inspectors, who are meeting with considerable difficulty on account of the reticence of the Poles. The two men who first told the police that there was suspicion among the Poles that Leczenski was foully dealt with are now endeavoring to shift, and they are sure that Leczenski met his death by accident. One Pole is quoted as saying that Leczenski was on too familiar terms with Barton's wife for Barton's peace of mind and that he has been heard to threaten Leczenski.

BOY ARRESTED.

A 12-year-old boy named Richard Frane was sent to the police station just before midnight last night by Officer O'Connell, who found him in a doorway in Market street. When the youngster was brought before Captain Kew he had a long tale of woe to tell and his case will probably be placed in the hands of the humane society. The boy said he left his home more than a month ago because he could not stand the actions of his drunken parents and that he has been sleeping out nights ever since. His food was obtained from two boys who were in the habit of making the round of boarding houses for cold victuals. He claimed to have been an inmate of Bishop Bradley's home in Manchester two years ago and begged to be sent back there so that he might have humane treatment. He said his own father died some time ago and he was put in the home by his mother. Then she married again and he was taken out of the home by a blind musician who wanted him as a guide. At times the musician played on street corners and made the boy pass the hat and sell pencils on cars. He could not stand it and gave up the job. His mother and father beat him on the slightest provocation, he claimed, and he did not want to go near them again. He said he could find no better place than the block on Market street in which to sleep and that he was glad to get this chance. There was nothing to lie on there but the boards and the boy said he managed to get out of the place every day before the occupants were about.

Several of the officers have made complaints about the boy and he has been in court before for petty offences. He does not always tell the same stories and the police will look him up today.

MOTHER REPULSED

In an Attempt to Steal Her Own Child

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FREEPORT, L. I., Dec. 28.—The attempt of a mother to gain possession of her own child caused an exciting scene here a few days ago. Mrs. Stella Raynor, the wife of Riley Raynor, was the chief actor, and she was accompanied by her brother, Duke Midhauer, former Justice F. J. Bedell and Miss Jennie Housman.

The Raynors were married four years ago, and the husband belongs to a prominent family of this town. Mrs. Raynor is an actress of Brooklyn. For two years they lived happily and then separated. They had one child which, after the separation, was taken to the home of Raynor's father, James C. Raynor.

Late in the afternoon, Mrs. Raynor and her three friends drove up to the grandparent's home and Mrs. Raynor entered the house. She found the child playing there and with a cry of joy took it up in her arms and started for the front door.

But Miss Fannie Raynor, a sister of Riley Raynor, caught sight of her, ran after her, and just as the door was reached seized the little child. The two women screamed and struggled and Miss Housman ran to the mother's aid.

The group pulled and struggled until the edge of the porch was reached, whereupon they all fell over it and came down in a heap. No one, however, was hurt.

By this time James C. Raynor was aroused and came rushing out. Until now the men who had come with the child's mother had stood by as spectators, while the women struggled, but, according to Raynor's affidavit, he was attacked by both Midhauer and Bedell. He forced his way past them, however, and grasped the child.

Meanwhile the town was aroused by the struggle and outcries, and people came running from every direction. Several men interfered in the fight and seeing that it was hopeless to struggle further the mother and her party jumped into their carriage and drove away.

Lindhauer was arrested for assault and a warrant is out for Bedell, who fled. It is not expected that any action will be taken against the mother or her woman friend.

BUBONIC PLAGUE

IS RAGING IN THE HAWAIIAN CAPITAL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 28.—The army transports Centennial and Newport, which arrived here during the night from Manila, via Honolulu, bring the startling news that the bubonic plague is raging in the capital city of the Hawaiian Islands. It is understood that the scourge was brought into Honolulu by a vessel from one of the infetsed ports of China.

The administration of Honolulu is upon a very modern and scientific basis; Americans are in charge, and the probability is that the plague will not spread outside of the Asiatic quarters of the city.

SCHAEFER SIGNS A CONTRACT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—"Jake" Schaefer, the billiard expert, today attached his name to a contract calling for four months in one of the leading academies of the French metropolis. The "Wizard" was reticent in regard to his plans, but intimated that he would sail for the other side very soon.

the danger is in the neglect—that's why so many colds lead to a fatal disease.

HALE'S HONEY OF HOREHOUND AND TAR

Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar is made for throat and lung troubles. It acts like magic. Sold by druggists.

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FOR MORE WAGES

Lively Meeting of Bricklayers' Union

THEY WANT 42 CENTS AN HOUR

And Will Demand a Shorter Day

A lively session of the Bricklayers' union was held last night in Bay State hall. Officers were elected for the ensuing six months as follows: President, Henry Foisy; vice president, James Conlon; treasurer, Frank George; financial secretary, Harry Spellman; recording secretary, Thos. Burns; corresponding secretary, Chas. Stanley; deputy, Alexander Ray, trustees, Thomas Golden, John F. Florence and Joseph Jalbert.

There was an interesting discussion upon the conditions existing in Lowell, during which the fact was brought out that in 60 per cent. of the cities in Massachusetts, the bricklayers were working but eight hours a day, and were receiving an average of 10 per cent. more wages than was paid in Lowell.

As a result of the discussion, a committee was appointed to confer with the master builders relative to a request of the bricklayers for an eight hour day and an increase from 39 cents to 42 cents an hour beginning May 1.

It was also voted to notify the superintendent of streets that the price for brickwork on the sewers would hereafter be 56 cents an hour. After the business had been completed there was an informal social and smoke talk, refreshments being served.

TEXTILE COUNCIL.

The regular meeting of the Textile Council was held last evening and after a review of the industrial situation, discussed a matter upon which final action will be taken at the next meeting. The recent labor rally was reported to have been rich in fruition of new members.

ELECTED OFFICERS.

At the regular meeting of the Shavers' union held last night, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing six months: President, John F. Doherty; vice president, Charles McDonald; recording secretary, Henry H. Nash; financial secretary, Wm. McMahon; treasurer, Arnold Brundage; sergeant-at-arms, Robert Inland; trustees, Moses Given and James Gilligan.

BASKET BALL

BURKES AND P. A. C. PLAY AGAIN MONDAY NIGHT.

The Burkes and P. A. C.'s, who played such an exciting basket ball game at Associate hall Christmas night will again come together next Monday night at the same hall in the second game of their series, and an even more exciting contest is looked for. These two teams have already played two games this season. The Burkes won the first and the P. A. C.'s the second, and next Monday night's game will decide the championship of the city, which has been held by the Burkes for about five years. The champions are not going to dispense with the coveted title without the hardest kind of a struggle, and, on the other hand, the Pawtucketville boys intend to put up the game of their lives in order that they may get the championship in their possession. It will be a great game.

DECISION RATIFIED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28.—The Doyen of the diplomatic corps at Pekin has telegraphed to the senior consul here that the decision reached in the matter of extension of the foreign settlement has been ratified.

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THE LAWTON FUND

Mayor Crowley Asked to Solicit Subscriptions

CITY TREASURER COBURN WILL RECEIVE MONEY

Request Received From Adjt. Gen. Corbin

Mayor Crowley today received the following self-explanatory despatch from Washington, D. C.:

To the Mayor, Lowell, Mass.:

The committee having in charge the raising of the fund for the benefit of the widow and four young children of the late Maj. Gen. Henry W. Lawton, who was killed in action at San Mateo, Luzon, P. I., Dec. 19, request you to solicit and receive contributions and act for and represent the community in your city and vicinity. It is proposed to keep the subscription list open until the evening of January 5. General Lawton's services and sacrifices for his country's flag and his expressed concern for the care of his family is the most fetching appeal that can be made.

H. C. CORBIN, Adjt. Gen.
Acting for the Committee.

Mayor Crowley has appointed City Treasurer Coburn treasurer of the fund and invites contributions which may be left at the city treasurer's office.

A LYNN WOMAN

Gets Some Notoriety in New York

HER SATCHEL SUPPOSED TO DISCLOSE MYSTERY

But the Owner Relieved the Police

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—Brooklyn's police are wrestling with a case of mysterious disappearance. The principal in the case is a pretty and handsomely dressed young woman, whose identity is as such a matter of darkness as is her whereabouts.

On the night of Nov. 29, a tall, graceful woman, of about twenty-four, entered the store of the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., at Court and Wyckoff streets and asked James Murphy, manager if she could leave a valise there for a day or two. Mr. Murphy consented and the valise was placed in a safe place. It was a large new bag of good material.

The visitor did not return to claim her property and finally Mr. Murphy became nervous about the valise. He began to think that something might have happened to the young woman, or that the valise belonged to some one who disappeared. At any rate the circumstances troubled him and he determined to appeal to the police.

The matter was placed in the hands of acting Captain Thomas Walsh of the Butler street station house, who opened the valise Tuesday night. It contained five black feathers, long and handsome, four white waists, three tailor made coats, comb and brush, powder puff, night robes, fine underwear and a lot of toilet accessories.

There was also a letter that had been opened. It was dated May 11, was written from 1691 Pine street street, Philadelphia and was addressed to Mrs. Assunda Mellett, 9 Silsbee street, Lynn, Mass. This letter left the impression that the writer, Rose, evidently the daughter of Mrs. Mellett, stood somewhat in fear of a man named Robertson.

THE MYSTERY CLEARED.

A young woman describing herself as Grace F. Perkins of Boston, now staying at 25 Mill street, Brooklyn, with friends, called at the deputy property clerk's room in the municipal building, Brooklyn, this afternoon and claimed the satchel, which was restored to her.

Two other young women accompanied her. Miss Perkins explained that one of these was a sister of Rose Millett, whose letter signed "Rose" and addressed to her mother in Lynn was among the effects in the bag.

The third member of the group was designated as Miss Perkins' sister.

The claimant stated that she had left the bag in the store Nov. 29th because she did not feel like lugging it along. After she arrived at the Mills street address she forgot the address of the store. She and her friends had left the bag in the tea store on Thanksgiving night and tried to locate the place, but in vain. Finally, she learned from the papers that the satchel had reached the hands of the police.

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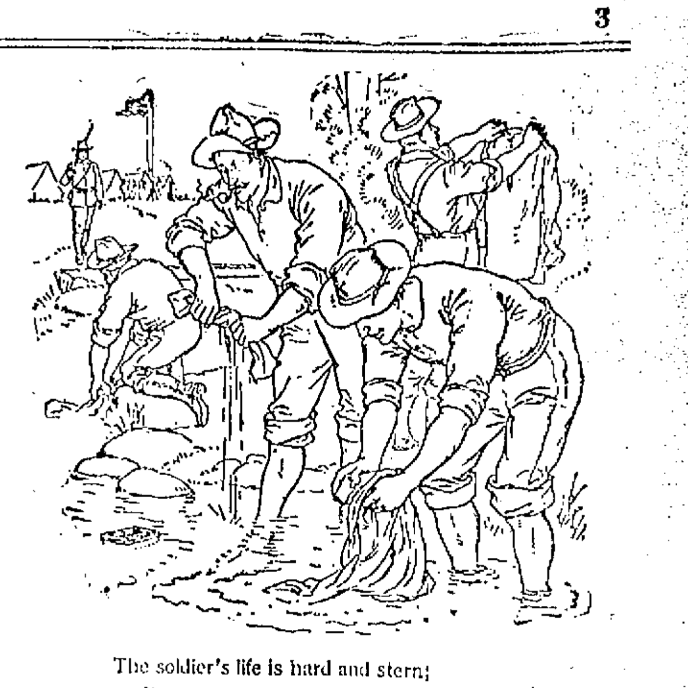

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THREE DEATHS

AMONG SAILORS OF A JAPANESE VESSEL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 28.—The steamer Aorangi has arrived from Australia. She did not stop at Honolulu owing to the plague there. It is reported that three deaths have occurred among the sailors of a Japanese vessel at that port.

A hot wave struck Sydney just before the sailing of Aorangi, the temperature registering as high as 98 degrees.

Disastrous fires recently occurred at Warren and West Wyalog. At Warren twenty-one houses were burned, and at West Wyalog fourteen were destroyed.

PENSION CHANGES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The following pension changes, resulting from the issue of December 13th, are announced.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Original—George Sanborn, Gloucester, $12.

Increase—Albion H. Drown, Malden, $6 to $8; George W. Sargent, Malden, $8 to $8; Hazen S. Littlefield, Haverhill, $6 to $10.

Original widows, etc.—Adelphine A. Sivant, Worcester, $8; Caroline C. Bradley, Watertown, $8.

Original widows—Special accrued Dec. 15th, Hattie R. Sailer, Worcester, $12.

War with Spain, Original—Edward A. Garfield, Brockton, $12.

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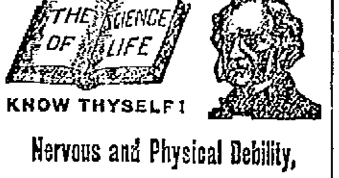

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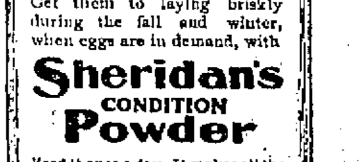
"The Peabody Medical Institute has many imitators, but no equals."—Boston Herald.

ROLAND REED'S CONDITION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—At St. Luke's hospital last night it was announced that the relatives of Roland Reed, the actor, have requested that no information concerning Mr. Reed be given out. It was learned, however that Mr. Reed was resting comfortably.



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We ask but $3.00 per inch per year for each thousand of our circulation. Other local papers ask from $5.50 to $12.50 for the same service.

Do You See the Point?

THE RAVAGES OF THE CIGARETTE HABIT.

Editor Sun: Dear Sir—Will you kindly write something cautioning parents against the danger of allowing their children to smoke cigarettes. As a parent myself, I have some dreadful examples of the ruinous effect upon boys of this habit, and I think the stores that sell this form of poison to children should be punished. Hoping you will use your influence to put down this terrible habit.

I remain yours,

A DISGUSTED FATHER.

We cannot conceive of any way in which a little space in a newspaper can be more profitably used than in exposing the dangerous effects of the cigarette habit. Our experience has been that once a boy has contracted this habit he is incapable of learning anything. His memory and his reasoning power are alike clouded if not entirely destroyed. He becomes dopy as if under the influence of an opiate and no doubt his brain becomes muddled by the poison inhaled in smoking these noxious substitutes for cigars. The cases in which the cigarette habit has driven boys to an early grave, sometimes by a collapse of the whole nervous system because of the injury to the brain, sometimes by self-destruction are too numerous to mention. The cigarette habit is contracted at the start as a mere amusement. The cigarette is taken up by a boy who smokes it because he sees other boys smoking. One follows another until an appetite is created for the continuous use of cigarettes. Then the boy finds a means of satisfying his appetite even if he has to steal the money with which to buy the cigarettes. At first the effect may not be very noticeable, but it will soon become apparent in the nervous twitches of the hands, the pallor of the face, the weakness of the body and the total paralysis of the will power. The youth addicted to the cigarette habit has no will or mind of his own, he drifts along subject to every passing influence, but doing nothing of his own volition or as a result of his own active will power except to procure cigarettes.

Perhaps the worst feature about this habit is that the people in general do not realize how injurious it is to boys, and the younger the boys, the more serious the danger. In many offices the use of cigarettes by small boys is overlooked or connived at by the adults until the urchins become so inured to the custom that they are utterly unable to stop it. The cigarette habit in boys is quite as hard to overcome as the drink habit in men, and it is even more injurious. No business man can safely keep cigarette fiends in his employ because they are wholly unreliable, dangerous and liable to steal if they cannot get all the cigarettes they want in any other way. If boys find that they cannot secure employment if they use cigarettes they might not be so ready to start this vile habit.

But there is a law forbidding stores to sell cigarettes to minors. Let the parents of children who use cigarettes find where they get the vile weeds and prosecute those who sell to them. We do not remember a case of conviction for violation of this law, although it is violated every day in the week and in every part of the city. Boys or girls not ten years old buy cigarettes at two for a cent without having any reason to think that the law forbids storekeepers to sell to them. If the agent for the humane society looked after the offenders against this law he might easily secure the support of the entire community in bringing the offenders to justice.

AS TO POLICE PENSIONS.

There are two sides to the acceptance of the police pension act. The superintendent of police as well as the officers will undoubtedly show plausible reasons for the adoption of the act. They will show that police officers are in danger of being killed in the ordinary exercise of their duty and that like soldiers they should get a pension especially when they grow old in the service. They sometimes get rather close to dangerous characters, but they are well armed and are in the habit of looking out for their own safety first. The experience of Officer Healey, Lieut. Brosnan and Officer Walsh comes to but few officers. If the accidents in the fire department are compared with those in the police department the percentage in the former will be almost as great as in the latter. Firemen are fully as deserving of pensions as are policemen, but the latter have more of a pull.

If the police are retired on half pay at a certain age there is no reason why the same privilege should not be accorded to the regular firemen. Then the school teachers have as strong a claim for retirement with pensions as have either the police or the firemen. Their life work is second to none in importance and far-reaching effect. In other countries they are the first to be considered as eligible for pensions.

At the present juncture with the tax rate at $19.00, it is not in the line of economy or conservative business policy to grant pensions to any class of city employes and had Mayor Crowley vetoed the measure, he would have better served the interests of the community.

With so many lords in charge of the British forces, they may think they can lord it over the Boers, but Joubert and Kruger are more magical names than any borne by the lords of British aristocracy.

Next week, $150,000,000 is to be distributed in dividends by the New York banks. Perhaps it will increase the financial stringency which has already brought so many of them to the wall.

If the newspapers of Massachusetts said half as much about a murder trial as is printed daily by the New York papers, on the Molineux trial, they would be fined for contempt.

The British horses in South Africa are stricken with glanders and some of the commanders are stricken with something worse.

Had not the first Fenian raid upon Canada proved a fizzle, the present talk of another raid might not be ridiculed by the Kanucks.

Although California did not exactly pass through a collision, it has been pretty badly shaken up.

CRISP GOSSIP.

A party of young folks had arranged to hold a sleigh ride party on the night of New Year's day, but from present indications they will either have to postpone it or make the trip on wheels.

Did you notice what a broad smile the undertakers are carrying these days? Business in their line has been unusually large during the past week. One of the local undertakers has had eleven funerals during the last week. "How would yer like ter be the undertaker?"

The conductors on the electric cars running to Lawrence earn their money these days.

Sunday evening is the time to break off all of your bad habits, such as smoking, going to Lawrence, spending money foolishly, staying out late nights, etc. Many people will make new resolutions on New Year's eve only to break them the following day.

There are very few of the Textile school students around the city this week. Most of them went home to spend the Christmas holidays with the old folks, many of the students going as far south as Louisiana.

It is amusing to go to the city library during the day and see the crowd of youngsters who are waiting to get juvenile books. I happened to have occasion to drop in there the other day and I saw fully a dozen youngsters in the corner where the subject cards for the juvenile books are kept. The favorite author with the boys is Horatio Alger, Jr. I heard one boy remark, "I've put in 11 slips for Alger's and I haven't got a book yet." Another said, "I've read seven books of the 'Ragged Dick Series' and I've been trying for the last book for about three months." Alger's books are in such big demand that a boy considers himself lucky when he gets one.

Then again, down stairs, in the reading room, you will see a boy sit in a chair patiently for half an hour waiting to get a look at Puck or Judge.

Basket ball is all the rage in this city this winter, but if the sporting fraternity saw a good game of roller polo, basket ball would have to take a rear seat.

Elias Hartz, aged 81, the goose-bone weather prophet of Reading, Pennsylvania, predicts the mildest winter on record.

"Sure of it," he said, "never surer of anything in my long life. The coming winter will be no winter at all. This year, to make things sure, I used the breastbones of three geese. The bones were all from geese of last spring. To my surprise, all were alike in color. I was not so surprised by that as I was to see them nearly all white. Only the slightest bit of purple could be seen on the tail ends of the bones. This purple indicates cold weather, away off in March probably. All the rest of the bone was white, which shows beyond question that there will be no winter at all. The fact that the three bones indicate exactly the same thing ought help convince people who take no stock in the goose bone weather signs but one bone is enough for me. In the last 40 years in which I have made the annual test, the bone has never failed once. The weather has always come to pass as indicated by the goose bone. So you need not expect much snow or ice or cold weather until next March. The winter will be the mildest on record."

When you meet one of those cranks who maintain that the 20th century begins on Jan. 1, next, you want to ask him what year this is and he will reply 1899. What year will follow this, and he will answer 1900. When will 1900 end? He will answer Dec. 31. How many centuries in 1900 years? He will answer 19 and if the 19th ends on Dec. 31, 1900, then the next century begins on the day following, which will be January 1, 1901.

The event of the season. Don't miss it. Court Middlesex grand ball, Friday evening, Dec. 29.

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NEW ORDINANCE

Relates to the Erection of Buildings

AS DRAWN UP BY COUNCILMAN BEAN

Will Come Before New City Council

AND WILL PROBABLY BE ENACTED

After Minor Changes Have Been Made

One of the most important ordinances ever proposed for the city of Lowell is that which Councilman Fred E. Bean of ward eight has proposed to this year's city council, entitled: An ordinance, in relation to the construction, maintenance and inspection of buildings.

At a meeting of the city council recently held, Council Bean was instructed to report his ordinance in print, and he has done so. The measure must now go over to the next city government because it was introduced too late for this year's members to take action upon it.

Councilman Bean is a practical carpenter, and those who have studied his ordinance say that his ideas are good. The ordinance undoubtedly will be amended somewhat before finally passing. In one section it provides a penalty of not less than $50, and not more than $100, which is in opposition to the provision Sec. 23 of the city charter which places the maximum limit of such penalty at $20. Excepting that it is said there is little to be criticised in the ordinance. The ordinance is a lengthy matter, but so much inquiry has been made concerning it that The Sun prints it in full, as follows:

ORDINANCE.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Lowell as follows:

Section 1. The superintendent of public buildings shall be an able and experienced architect, builder or mechanic. He shall have the sole charge of the construction, inspection and alteration, care and custody of all the public buildings of the city not constructed for or by any other special department, and shall supervise and direct the constructing of buildings of other departments whenever so requested by any such department. He shall receive such compensation for his services as the city council may from time to time determine.

Sec. 2. In the month of December of each year he shall present to the city council a written report showing the number and condition of all buildings under his care, and what repairs, in his opinion, may be needed upon each for the next twelve months, and the probable cost of such repairs.

Sec. 3. As often as practicable he shall examine and inspect the material, construction, alteration, repair and use of all buildings and other structures erected and in the process of erection, alteration or repair within the city limits, excepting such buildings and structures as are used and occupied by the United States or the commonwealth, and as far as may be necessary for the performance of his duties enter any such building or premises.

For other than department buildings and structures, he shall require plans and specifications or a description of any proposed erection, alteration or repair other than necessary repairs to be filed in his office and shall grant licenses for such erection or alteration and repairs other than necessary repairs when the plans, specifications or descriptions are so filed in conformity with the ordinances of the city and the laws of the commonwealth. He shall make a record of all violations of this ordinance, with the street and number where such violation occurred, the names of the owners architect and master mechanics and all other matters relative thereto. He or his assistants shall examine all buildings reported dangerous or damaged by fire or accident, and make a record of such examination, stating the nature and amount of such damage, the name of the street and number of the building, the name of the owner and occupant, and the purpose for which it is occupied; he shall examine all buildings for which applications have been made for permits to raise, enlarge alter, build upon or tear down and make a record of such examination. The record required by this section shall always be open to the inspection of any officers of the city.

Sec. 4. He shall have all the right and authority that the inspector of buildings now has, and that may hereafter be given and conferred by the laws of this commonwealth and ordinance of this city now and hereafter in force relating to the inspecting, constructing, use, occupation, alteration, repair and safety of buildings and structures within the limits of the city for the prevention of fires and protection of life, and shall cause the ordinances of the city and the statute laws of this commonwealth, now and hereafter in force with reference thereto to be strictly enforced. He may enter upon the premises wherein any fire has occurred and ascertain, if possible, the origin of the fire. He shall designate an assistant in his department as his deputy who in the event of and during his temporary absence or disability shall have and exercise all the powers and authority of the superintendent.

Sec. 5. Every person before proceeding to build, erect, alter or repair in any way, except in making necessary repairs, any structure, building, except buildings of government of the United States or this commonwealth, shall first give written notice to the superintendent of his intention, with a plan of the structure or building proposed, the materials to be used, the number of the street, the precise location and the name of the owner or owners of the land; and shall obtain from the superintendent a written license so to do; and in all cases where any part of such structure, building, is nearer than five feet to the line of the street next adjacent thereto, he shall obtain free of expense from the city engineer if in the power of the latter to furnish the same, the lines and grades of the streets adjoining which he proposes to build, erect, alter or repair as aforesaid. The superintendent may also, before issuing a license as aforesaid, require the applicant to give seven days' notice in writing of the application to any and all persons whose interests the superintendent considers may be affected by the proposed work. All materials are to be of good quality for the purpose for which they are to be used and to conform to legal trade and manufacturer's standards, and be subject to the approval of the superintendent.

Sec. 6. No building more than one hundred and twenty-five feet in height above the grade of the street shall hereafter be erected in this city, provided, however, that this restriction shall not apply to spires of churches, steeples, domes, towers or cupolas erected for strictly ornamental purposes, and of fireproof material when so ordered by the superintendent.

Sec. 7. Every portion of every structure in process of construction, alteration, repair or removal, and every neighboring structure or portion thereof affected thereby, or by any excavation shall be properly constructed and sufficiently supported. The superintendent may take such measures as the public safety requires to carry this section into effect; and any expense so incurred may be recovered by the city from the owner of the defective structure.

Sec. 8. Every building of three or more stories in height within this city now or hereafter used in whole or in part, as a public building, public institution, school house, church, theatre, public hall, place of assemblage or place of public resort, and every such building in which ten or more persons are employed above the second story, in a factory, workhouse or mercantile or other establishment, and every hotel, family hotel, apartment house, boarding house, lodging house or tenement house within this city, the owner or lessee or occupant of which is notified in writing by the superintendent that the provisions of this section are deemed by him applicable thereto, shall be provided with proper ways of egress or other means of escape from fire sufficient for the use of all persons accommodated, assembling, employed, lodging or residing in such building; and such ways of egress and means of escape shall be kept free from obstruction, in good repair and ready for use. Every room above the second story in any such building in which 30 or more persons are employed shall be provided, if the superintendent shall so direct in writing, with more than one way of egress by stairways on the inside or outside of the building, placed as near as practicable at the opposite ends of the building; stairways on the outside of the building shall have suitable railed landings at each story above the first, and shall connect with each story by door or windows and such landing, door and windows shall be kept clear of ice and snow and other obstructions.

No persons shall be employed in a factory, workshop or mercantile or other establishment in a room above the second story from which there is only one way of egress if said superintendent shall so direct in writing. All doors and windows in any building subject to the provisions of this section shall open outwardly, if the superintendent shall so direct in writing. No portable seats or other obstruction shall be allowed in the aisles or passageways of such buildings during any services or entertainment held therein.

The proscenium or curtain opening of all theatres shall have a fire-resisting curtain of some incombustible material and such curtain shall be properly constructed and shall be operated by proper mechanism; the certificate of the superintendent shall be conclusive evidence of a compliance with such requirements.

Sec. 9. Every hotel, family hotel, apartment house, boarding house, lodging house; or tenement house hereafter erected more than two stories high from the level of the street shall be provided with two stairways placed in such a manner at opposite sides or ends of the building that the inmates shall have easy means of egress at all times; said stairways to lead from each story, and all halls leading from front to rear shall be provided with doors so as to form a fire and smoke stop.

Sec. 10. Every building hereafter built, and every building occupied by more than one family, shall have, according to its height, condition, construction, surroundings, character of occupation, and number of occupants, one or more safe means of egress in case of fire as the superintendent may direct.

Sec. 11. Every schoolhouse two stories or more high, every church, theatre, public building, hall, place of assembly, every building occupied above the second story by two or more families, or as a tenement, boarding, lodging house, or as a factory or workshop, where ten or more persons are employed, shall have at least two independent ways of egress, each accessible from each apartment, and one of which shall be enclosed in brick walls shall have no interior openings other than the doors of the apartments, from which it is an exit, and shall be provided with a ventilating skylight which can be operated from the lower hall.

All ways of egress from every building shall be kept in good repair. No obstruction shall be placed upon any ways of egress from any building. Provided, however, with the approval of the superintendent such stairways may be constructed as hereafter provided in Section 15.

Sec. 12. Any owner or lessee responsible for the condition of a building shall be entitled to a certificate, or if the original has been issued, an exhibition of the duplicate thereof on the superintendent's records, to the effect that such building is provided with safe means of egress, if and whenever such is the case in the superintendent's opinion. Any tenant of, or person employed in, any private building, and in the case of any public building or public school, any citizen of Lowell shall be entitled to an exhibition of the superintendent's record and, if no certificate has been issued, may apply to have a certificate issued for such building.

Sec. 13. In case of any building subject to Sections eight, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen and twenty, of this ordinance is owned, leased or occupied, jointly or in severalty by different persons, any one of such persons shall have the right to apply to any part of the outside of such building and to sustain from any part of the outside wall thereof, any way of egress or means of escape from fire specified and described by the superintendent, notwithstanding the objection of any such owner, lessee, or occupant, and any such way of egress or means of escape may project over the highway.

Sec. 14. The platform, landings and steps of every fire escape shall be strong enough to carry a load of seventy pound to the square foot in addition to the weight of material.

Sec. 15. In this city no building three or more stories in height designed to be used, in whole or part, as a public building, public or private institution, church, theatre, public hall, place of assemblage or place of public resort, and no building more than two stories in height designed to be used above the second story, in whole or in part, as a factory, workshop or mercantile or other establishment, and having accommodations for ten or more employes above said story, and no building more than two stories in height designed to be used above the second story, in whole or part, as a hotel, a family hotel, apartment house, boarding house, lodging house or tenement house, and having ten or more rooms above said story, shall hereafter be erected until a copy of the plans of such building has been deposited with the superintendent by the person causing the erection or construction of such building or by the architect who has drawn the plans, which plans shall include therein the system or method of ventilation provided for such building, together with a copy of such portion of the specifications of such building as the superintendent may require, nor shall any such building be so erected without the provision of sufficient ways of egress and other means of escape from fire properly located and constructed. The certificate of the superintendent endorsed with the approval of the chief of the fire department shall be conclusive evidence of a compliance with the provisions of this ordinance; provided, that after the granting of such certificate no change is made in the plans or specifications of the ways and means of escape, unless a new certificate is obtained therefor. The superintendent may require that proper fire stops shall be provided in the floors, walls and partitions of such buildings, and may make such further requirements as may be necessary or proper to prevent the spread of fire therein, or its communication from any steam boiler or heating apparatus; and no pipe for conveying hot air or steam in such building shall be placed nearer than one inch to any woodwork, unless protected to the satisfaction of the superintendent by suitable guards or casings of incombustible material, and no wood flue or air duct for heating or ventilating shall be placed in any such building.

Sec. 16. Any persons erecting or constructing a building, or any architect or other person, who shall draw plans or specifications or superintend the erection or construction of a building in violation of the two preceding provisions of this ordinance, shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than one thousand dollars, and may also be enjoined, as otherwise provided by statute at the instance of the superintendent.

Sec. 17. It shall be the duty of the superintendent to examine from time to time all buildings subject to the provisions of sections eight and fifteen of this ordinance. In case any such building conforms, in the judgment of the superintendent, to the requirement of this ordinance, he shall issue to the owner, lessee or occupant of such building or of any portion thereof, used as above mentioned in sections eight and fifteen of this ordinance, a certificate to that effect, specifying the number of persons for whom the ways of egress and means of escape in case of fire are deemed to be sufficient; such certificate shall be conclusive evidence as long as it continues in force, of the compliance on the part of the person to whom it is issued, with the provisions of this ordinance. But such certificates shall be of no effect in case a greater number of persons than therein specified are accommodated or employed or assembled, lodged, or reside within such building or portion thereof, or in case such building is used for any purposes materially different from those for which it was used at the time of the granting thereof or in case the internal arrangements of any such building are materially altered or in case any ways, egress or means of escape from fire existing in such building at the time of such granting are stopped up; rendered unavailable or materially changed; and in no case shall such certificate continue in force more than five years from its date.

Such certificate may be revoked by the superintendent at any time upon written notice to the person holding the same or occupying the premises for which it was granted, and shall be so revoked whenever in his opinion any conditions or circumstances have so changed that the existing ways of egress or means of escape are no longer proper and sufficient. A copy of the said certificate shall be kept posted in a conspicuous place upon every floor of such building by the person occupying the premises covered thereby.

Sec. 18. Upon an application being made to the superintendent for the granting of a certificate under Sections fifteen and seventeen of this ordinance he shall issue to the person making the application a notice that the certificate has been applied for and pending the granting or refusal of such certificate, said acknowledgment shall have for a period of ninety days the same effect as such certificate and such acknowledgment may be renewed by the superintendent with the same effect for a further period not exceeding ninety days and may be further renewed by the chief of the fire department until such time as such certificate shall be granted or refused.

Sec. 19. In case any change is made in any premises for which a certificate has been issued under this ordinance, whether in the use thereof or otherwise it shall be the duty of the person making the same to give written notice thereof forthwith to the superintendent and to the chief of the fire department.

Sec. 20. In case any building or portion thereof, subject to sections eight, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen and nineteen of this ordinance is found by the superintendent to fail to conform thereto or in case any change is made in such building or portion thereto, such as terminates the effect of a certificate formerly granted therefor as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the superintendent to give notice in writing, specifying and describing what additional ways of egress or means of escape from fire are necessary, in the opinion of the superintendent in order to conform to said provisions of this ordinance and to secure the granting of a certificate as aforesaid. Notice to any agent of such owner, lessee or occupant in charge of the premises shall be sufficient notice under this section to such owner, lessee or occupant.

Sec. 21. When a license is required by law or municipal ordinance, in order to authorize any premises to be used for any purpose mentioned in section eight, no license for such purpose shall be granted until a certificate for such building or portion thereof shall first have been obtained from the superintendent as above provided and no such license hereafter issued shall continue in force any longer than such certificate remains in force.

Sec. 22.—All frame or wooden buildings exceeding a height of fifteen feet from underpinning shall be built with sills, posts, girts, plates and rafters, all of suitable size and mortised, tenoned, braced and pinned and with suitable studs not less than two inches by four inches, to space not more than sixteen inches on centres, and if the building exceeds four hundred feet in area, the posts and girts shall not be less than four inches by eight inches. Floor timbers shall not be less than two inches by six inches.

Sec. 23.—No ledger boards shall be used in place of girts in any building where the posts exceed fifteen feet in height: and all openings at floors, whether caused by ledger boards, floor joists laid upon girts, or floor joists projecting above sills, shall be stopped by joists not less than two inches thick fitted tightly between the studs.

Sec. 24. In all buildings hereafter erected or altered in whole or in part, in which lathing and plastering is to be done in which fire stops are required or gas pipes and meters are to be placed, the owner and builder thereof, shall, before proceeding to lath, plaster, place fire stops, gas pipes or meters therein give written notice to the superintendent that the premises are ready for inspection. Whenever such inspection is found to be satisfactory to the superintendent, the latter shall forthwith issue to the owner or builder a license to lath and plaster and locate fire stops, gas pipes and all such work shall be done in strict conformity with the terms of such license.

Gas piping shall also be done in accordance with the terms and conditions named in section forty-nine.

Sec. 25. In every wooden building in which two or more families reside on the same floor there shall be a partition wall of brick or incombustible material satisfactory to the superintendent, dividing each apartment; if of brick, to be not less than eight inches thick, built up to the underside of the roof covering and the said covering laid and imbedded in mortar upon the walls or built up twelve inches above the roof and covered with metallic covering or where said wall is not carried above the roof there shall be placed on each side of said wall a rafter which shall be filled in solidly with mortar between said walls and rafters, providing openings in party or partition walls may be made for the purpose of stairways in which case all partitions around such opening shall be brick-nogged, and all such portions shall be lathed on both sides with metal or wire lathing and plastered, and all door openings in such partitions shall be furnished with metal covered doors satisfactory to the superintendent. The soffit of all such stairways shall be lathed with metal or wire lathing.

Sec. 26. The exterior of every building hereafter erected for or converted to use as a tenement or lodging house and not having an exposure or an open space, street, court or passageway more than twenty feet in width, shall not exceed thirty feet in height.

Sec. 27. All buildings except single dwellings more than two stories shall have permanent means of access to the roof from the inside. The opening for the same shall not be less than eighteen by thirty inches.

Sec. 28. In the erection or alteration of any building, the material of which in whole or part is other than brick, stone or wood, the thickness of walls of such material and the method of construction shall be such as the superintendent shall approve.

Sec. 29.—Every wooden building hereafter erected shall be not more than three stories in height from the grade of the street or place upon which it is to be erected, nor any part thereof be less than one foot six inches from the line of any adjoining lot nor if there is a building on the adjoining lot, be nearer than three feet to such building without the intervention of a brick wall or other incombustible material satisfactory to the superintendent.

Sec. 30. All elevator wells and light shafts in buildings more than two stories high, unless built of brick shall be filled in between studs with fireproof material and lined with metal or plastered on metallic lathing as may be directed by the superintendent.

Sec. 31. All roof or floor timbers entering the same party wall from opposite sides shall have at least four inches solid brickwork between the ends of said timbers.

Sec. 32. The ends of all wooden floor or roof beams shall enter the wall to a depth of at least four inches, unless the wall is properly corbelled so as to give a bearing of at least four inches, and the ends of all such beams shall be so shaped or arranged that in case of fire they may fall without injury to the wall.

Sec. 33. The ends of all floor beams and rafters of a brick building entering a wall shall be cut on a splay of three inches in their width.

Sec. 34.—No floor timbers, header or trimmer of a brick building shall be cut into more than two inches in depth for piping without a license from the superintendent and no cutting shall be made in any timber at a greater distance than three feet from its support.

Sec. 35. All brick chimney flues shall be smoothly plastered inside with mortar from top to bottom during the course of construction, and also outside below the roofing, after having been examined and approved by the superintendent except that exposed portion of said chimney when the walls of the flues are eight inches thick, may be left unplastered upon the outside. All chimneys shall be topped out at least four feet above the highest point of contact with the roof with brick or stones laid in cement, and the topping out shall not have more than a two-inch projection unless the bricks are covered by a cap or stone or other non-combustible material in one piece, properly secured and approved by the superintendent; and in no case shall a nail be driven into the masonry of a flue.

Sec. 36.—No woodwork of any kind except the roof covering shall be placed at a less distance than one inch from the outside of the brickwork of any flue. No woodwork shall be placed at a less distance than one inch from any tin or other metal flue or pipe used or intended to be used to convey heated air, hot water or steam in any building, unless such flue or pipe be cased with a metal sleeve of one inch larger diameter than said flue or pipe, so as to permit a free circulation of air all around the same. No part of any floor timber shall be within less than two inches of any chimney. No studding or furring shall be within less than one inch of any chimney.

Sec. 37.—No smoke pipe shall project through any external wall or window. No smoke pipe shall pass through any wooden partition without a soapstone ring of the thickness of the partition and extending four inches from the pipe or a double metal collar of the thickness of the partition with a ventilated air space of not less than four inches around the pipe; nor shall be placed within eight inches of any wood unless such wood is plastered and protected by a metal shield two inches distant from the wood, in which case the smoke pipe shall be not less than six inches from the wood.

Sec. 38. Every story above the second of a building subject to the provisions of section eight of this ordinance shall be supplied with means of extinguishing fire consisting of a hose attached to a suitable water supply, and capable of reaching any part of the story; and such means of extinguishing fire shall be kept at all times ready for use and in good condition.

Sec. 39. No wooden flue or air ducts for heating or ventilating purposes shall hereafter be placed in any building subject to the provisions of section eight of this ordinance and no pipe for conveying hot air or steam in such building shall be placed or remain placed, nearer than one inch to any wood work, unless protected to the satisfaction of the superintendent by suitable guards, or castings of incombustible material.

Sec. 40 The inside of all furred brick walls of every building hereafter erected shall have a fire belt or stop, composed of the same fire proof material, at least six inches wide and thoroughly set up between furring at the top and bottom of each floor and in each story, in which stud walls or partitions; said studs, walls and partitions shall have spaces between the floor joists immediately under such walls, or partitions and between studs from the undersides of said floor joist, to a line six inches above the tops of said joists, filled solid and flush with the plastering on both sides with the mortar, cement, plaster, or other incombustible material; and if such studs or partitions shall rest upon solid timber or joist for the whole length thereof, such filling as above described, shall be placed from the top of such timber or joist to the same height as above specified; or a strip of tin or galvanized iron, at least one inch wider than the width of said studding and continuing under the footing of said wall or partitions, may be substituted for the filling above specified, where there is no partition or wall beneath. The exterior and interior walls of all wooden buildings hereafter erected shall have the space between the studding at the top and bottom of each story divided or separated by a fire stop, so as to check effectually the draft from one story to another and from the vertical spaces in the walls to the horizontal passages between the floor timbers. The spaces between stringers or carriages of all wooden staircases, unless said stringers or carriages are left exposed, shall be exposed at intervals not exceeding three feet by substantial stops.

Sec. 41. The various forms of construction tending to create or form air passages from one story to another, such as spaces around pipes, ventilating shafts, or chimneys barred off to form breast, in every building hereafter erected or altered, shall have a fire and smoke stop at each floor, approved by the superintendent, which fire and smoke stop in all brick buildings shall be of incombustible material.

Sec. 42. Elevators or hoists for freight which do not pass the ceiling of the first story, may be constructed without fireproof enclosures above the basement. In existing buildings or in buildings hereafter erected in compliance with this ordinance, freight and passenger elevators without fireproof enclosures may be placed in areas of hallways, which are continuous and unbroken, no part being separated from another part by an intervening floor; provided, that no additional draft of air is thereby created. In such building, such elevators may pass through the first floor of any area or hallway; provided, if fireproof enclosure be carried up to the first floor. Except as above provided, all shafts hereafter built for elevators, hoists, dumb waiters, light and ventilating shafts or other air ducts, shall be constructed of, and if they do not pass the upper floor their tops shall be covered with some substantial material not inflammable. All such shafts which pass the top floor shall be carried at least eighteen inches above the roof and be covered with a skylight. Such shafts already constructed, except lights twenty-eight inches square or of less area, and except in dwelling houses to be occupied by not more than one family, shall be lined with tin or plastered on wire lathing, or otherwise rendered non-inflammable on the inside.

Sec. 43. No elevator shall be used in any building until after written approval by the superintendent.

Sec. 44. In case any freight or passenger elevator is not constructed and furnished in compliance with this ordinance or has become unsafe, the superintendent shall post a conspicuous warning and prohibition at each entrance to such elevator. It shall thereafter, until a new written license is given by the superintendent, be a penal offence hereunder to operate said elevator, or remove or deface said notice. No freight or passenger elevator shall be operated for more than six months after the date of the superintendent's license, unless a certificate signed by some elevator builder that the elevator is safe and in good order, has been furnished within six months, and is posted in the car or at the entrance.

Sec. 45. Every room in every tenement or lodging house hereafter built, and in every building hereafter altered to be used as such, shall be not less than eight feet in height in the clear in every story, except in the attic it may be less than eight feet high for one half the area of the room. Every such room shall have one or more windows on an open air space with an area at least one-tenth as great as that of the room. The top of at least one window on such air space in each room shall be at least seven feet six inches from the floor, and the upper sash of the same window shall be movable.

Sec. 46. No building of which any part is used for storage or sale of hay, straw, hemp, flax, shaving, burning fluid, turpentine, camphene, or any inflammable oil, or other highly combustible substance shall be occupied in any part as a dwelling, tenement or lodging house, except that rooms for coachman or grooms may be allowed in private stables.

Sec. 47. All stationary receptacles in a building for ashes, waste and other substances, liable by spontaneous combustion, or otherwise, to cause a fire in a building, shall be made of incombustible material.

Sec. 48. Every dwelling, tenement or lodging house, every schoolhouse, and every building where operatives are employed shall have at least one water closet or privy, and if more than twenty persons therein live, attend or are employed, there shall be an additional water closet or privy for every twenty persons or fraction thereof; and in buildings where operatives of both sexes are employed separate accommodations shall be furnished for men and women. Privies or cesspools shall not be allowed where a sewer makes a water closet practicable. Every water closet in every building hereafter erected for or converted to use as a tenement house, family hotel, or apartment house, shall have a window opening to the outer air.

Sec. 49. All gas piping shall be done in accordance with the following scale:

Sizes of Tubings	Greatest length allowed	Greatest no. of Burners
½ in.	30 ft.	6 burners
¾ in.	20 ft.	3 burners
¾ in.	50 ft.	20 burners
1 in.	70 ft.	35 burners
1¼ in.	100 ft.	60 burners
1½ in.	150 ft.	100 burners
2 in.	200 ft.	200 burners

No greater length of pipe of each size shall be allowed than that specified in the scale; and no more burners shall be taken from any size than the number stated, even if the length of pipe is diminished.

No deviation from the above shall be allowed, except in certain cases (as for instance, stables, or cellars where a small number of burners are to be used in a large space) upon the written approval of the superintendent. No work shall be approved in which copper pipe is used.

No cement shall be allowed in any joints or upon any fittings.

No black varnished pipes shall be allowed. Where the construction of the building will permit, all piping running under the floor of the building shall be laid on the top of the floor timbers. In all cases the rising pipe shall be left projecting below the floor timbers at least three inches, and with threaded end.

Sec. 50. In this ordinance the following terms have the meaning respectively assigned to them:

"Alteration" means any change or addition.

"Apartment house" means a house divided up into sets or suites of rooms.

"Cellar or basement" means the space or spaces below the level of the bottom floor timbers of the first story.

"Chimney" shall apply to any permanent or fixed flues or passage built into any building for conveying away the products of combustion from furnaces, stoves, ranges or other fireplaces.

"External walls," shall apply to that part of the outer wall of a building other than a party wall, above and other than the foundation wall.

"Foundation wall" means that portion of wall below the level of street curb, and where the wall is not on a street, that portion of the wall below the level of the highest ground next to the wall, but, if under party or partition walls, may be construed by the superintendent to mean that below the cellar floor.

"Family hotel" means a hotel arranged more especially for the convenience and comfort of families.

"Height of a building" means the vertical distance of the highest point of the roof above the highest grade of the street or ground at the principal point of the building, provided said grade of the ground is not below the grade of the street at said point.

"Lodging house" means a building in which persons are accommodated with sleeping apartments and includes hotel and apartment houses where cooking is not done in the several apartments.

"Party wall" means every wall used, or built in order to be used, as a separation of two or more buildings.

"Partition walls" means any interior wall of masonry in a building.

"Public building" means any building or premises used as a place of public entertainment, institution, resort or assemblage.

"Repairs" means the reconstruction or renewal of any existing part of a building, or of its fixtures or appurtenances, be which its strength or fire risk is not affected or modified, and not made, in the opinion of the superintendent, for the purpose of converting the building in whole or in part to a new one.

"Schoolhouse" means any building or premises in which public or private instruction is afforded for not less than four pupils at one time.

"Story of a building" means the space between the level of the bottom of the floor timbers to the level of the bottom of the floor timbers next above or below and are numbered first, second, and so on, starting from the street grade.

"Superintendent" wherever used in this ordinance shall be construed to mean superintendent of public buildings.

"Tenement house" means a building which, or any portion of which, is occupied or intended to be occupied as a dwelling by more than three families living independently of one another and doing their cooking upon the premises.

"Theatre" means a building or a portion of a building in which it is designed to make a business of the presentation of dramatic, operatic, or other performances or shows for the entertainment of spectators, and having a permanent stage for the said performances which can be used for scenery and other stage appliances.

"Thickness of a wall" means the minimum thickness of such wall.

Sec. 51. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Fancy Dress Ball at Associate hall, Friday evening, Dec. 29.

THE SUN EXTRA! 6 O'CLOCK

THE BRITISH GLOOM

Not Lightened by Churchill's Account of the Situation

He Defends Gen. Buller's Action—The Boer Camp at Tugela River Impregnable—Shipload of Canned Meat From New York

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Mr. Winston Churchill's arrival at Chieveley Camp is perhaps responsible for some over-coloring of the gravity of the situation but all today's news conveys the impression that General Buller may be intending another attack upon the Boer position. At both Modder River and the Tugela, the Boers are said to be strengthening their forces and extending defence works which in both cases are seemingly almost impregnable.

Despatches from Chieveley indicate that General Buller's forces will remobilize at Frere before attempting another advance. Doubtless he would be glad to retrieve the Colenso reverse before the arrival of Lord Roberts, yet he is hardly likely to attempt another frontal attack. It is more likely that he is preparing to strike should the Boers make any offensive movement.

The Boer trench work is so good that it enables the enemy to hold a long line with few men and to travel great distances under perfect cover, so as to rapidly reinforce any point attacked.

The Times which comments editorially upon the severe strain says: "It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that our troubles are due to the unreality of the presumedly practical lessons given in the manoeuvres at Aldershot."

The rebels have formed a langer at a point about 30 miles west of Modder River camp. It is also announced that the Boers have raised the siege of Kuruman.

Mr. Churchill's reference to Ladysmith may imply that the situation of the garrison is more desperate than had been supposed.

The Boers continue fortifying hills commanding the town. General White however, heliographs that all was well in Ladysmith on Dec. 26.

Competent military critics in London regard the campaign as at a complete deadlock for the present, owing to the dispersal of the British forces and the lack of adequate transports. They believe it will be many weeks before Lord Roberts is able to re-organize and to make an offensive move.

Despatches from Modder River represent Dutch disaffection in Griqualand west as growing very serious. In some towns the entire Dutch population has joined the Boers.

A despatch to the Times from Mafeking dated December 11 by way of Mochudi, December 19 says that Lady Sarah Wilson, aunt of the Duke of Marlborough, who was captured by the Boers while acting as correspondent for a London paper has arrived there, having been exchanged for Viljoen, a notorious horse thief and convict.

The latest independent news from Ladysmith says:

"The field fortifications would now withstand any organized attack the enemy is likely to deliver. There are sufficient food stuffs for two months. The question of forage might be troublesome, but since the rains there has been some grazing within the British lines. There is no horse sickness.

"The casualties caused by our shell fire are increasing and the Boers are reported to be becoming nervous. They fear night sorties and constantly open a heavy fusillade on an imaginary attack."

The German officials have promptly stopped the Boers from recruiting in Damaraland. Neither men nor horses are permitted to cross the border.

SCOUTS LOCATE BOERS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHIEVELEY CAMP, Natal, Dec. 28.—Our scouts have reported Boers in force on this side of the Tugela river, three regiments of regulars, supported by artillery and all the available mounted volunteers under the command of Lord Dundonald, advanced. The Boers retired across the river. The British captured 520 cattle.

A RECONNOISANCE RETURNED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

KIMBERLY, Wednesday, Dec. 27.—At 2.30 this morning mounted detachments under Col. Pilkman, with three maxims and three seven-pounders under Major May, reconnoitered. Leaving the entrenchments, the British advanced on Tolipan. The Boer pickets fired and our maxims replied, the Boers disappearing over the ridge.

Our guns then began to shell Tolipan at a range of 2500 yards. A Boer gun dropped four shells near our men but did no damage. As the Boers were strongly entrenched, we withdrew. Our guns are well placed.

SHIPLOAD OF CANNED MEAT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The Record today says:

The English government has sent a ship to the United States and the packers of Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha and Milwaukee will load it with 3,000,000 pounds of canned meats for use in South Africa. The boat was reported from New York yesterday and will sail as soon as it is loaded. For two weeks from five to ten carloads of canned meats have been loaded at the stock yards daily for New York.

CHURCHILL DEFENDS BULLER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Morning Post received the following from Winston Spencer Churchill under date of December 26, telegraphed from Chieveley Camp where he has arrived:

"All ranks have complete confidence in Sir Redvers Buller and there is a stern determination to succeed next time at all costs. A painful impression was caused by the announcement of the change of commander-in-chief and the soldiers here are resolved to vindicate their trusted leader. The situation, nevertheless is difficult, the Boer position being one of extraordinary strength with high hills lined tier upon tier with trenches and galleries, rising from an almost unfordable river and with a smooth plain in front. The enemy have all the ranges marked and many powerful guns dominate parts of the river, while drifts are commanded by converging musketry from probably 12,000 Boers. There are 16 miles of wild, broken country before reaching Ladysmith which demands early relief."

BOERS SUFFERED HEAVILY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 28.—The colonel commanding the Caadian contingent of troops, Col. Russard, is to join the staff of General Buller, all of whom are proceeding to Natal, indicating that General Buller's sphere will shortly be confined to Natal.

A man named Green, a former sergeant-major of the British balloon department, is among the Boer prisoners captured at Magerstontein. Green, who deserted from Aldershot in 1898, admitted he had been some time in the service of the Boers and had instructed them in trenching. He says there were 23,000 Boers at Magerstontein, 21,000 of whom were engaged the day of the battle. The Boer losses he also asserts, were very heavy, the men being piled dead. Green further declares that if the attack had been pressed the Boers would have yielded and says the Boer horses have to be taken to the Modder river, as water is scarce at Magerstontein.

GERMANS ARRESTED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DURBAN, Natal, Wednesday, Dec. 27.—A German farmer named Stucke and the Rev. Mr. Hartes, director of the Hanoverian missions in Natal, have been arrested and imprisoned at Estcourt, on the charge of aiding the Boers. They both claim the protection of the German government.

NATAL PREMIER DEAD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DURBAN, Natal, Wednesday, Dec. 28—Mr. Harry Escombe, a former premier of Natal, died suddenly on the street this afternoon.

The Right Hon. Harry Escombe was born in Nottinghill, London, England, in 1838. He entered the legislative council of Natal in 1872, was created attorney-general 1893 and later became prime minister of the colony. He was the commander of the Natal Naval Volunteers with the relative rank of lieutenant-colonel in the volunteer forces.

METHUEN REPORTS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The war office has received the following from Cape Town, dated Wednesday, December 27:

"Methuen reports as follows:

"At 9.30 yesterday evening, the Boers on the south side of the Magerstontein opened a very heavy fire for some time. This morning the naval brigade fired at the enemy at the west part of Magerstontein. The cavalry brigade is reconnoitring in a northeasterly direction. Lieut. Masters has made an extended reconnaissance westward and northward of Enslin and reports all well. The farmers were glad to see our men. They were suffering from want of food. I have established a market here where I can purchase fresh milk and vegetables selling to the farmers tea and other articles which they cannot otherwise purchase. Heavy rain fell last night. Gatacre and French report no change in the situation. Baden-Powell reports all well December 12th."

FIGHTING SUSPENDED

PENDING THE ARRIVAL OF GENERAL ROBERTS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—In view of the apparent supineness of the British commanders in preventing the daily strengthening and extending of the Boer positions along the Tugela and Modder rivers, which are now considered impregnable, many experts here, coming to the conclusion that the British have given up the idea of carrying these positions by assault and will await the transport and cavalry required to give their forces the necessary mobility, when they hope to be in a position to beslege the Boers in their respective plevnas, while Gen. Roberts carries out the original plan of campaign, that of advancing straight north to Bloemfontein; then their generals detaching sufficient mobile troops to reach their goals by circuitous routes.

There is nothing in the official or best independent reports to indicate that the beleagured garrisons are in any special straits calling for immediate relief.

The latest advices from Kimberley, where a shortage is most feared report plenty of food.

An interesting feature of today's news is the patriotic offers of services from Indian princes. The Nizam of Hyderabad, replying to a toast proposed by Lord Curzon the viceroy, at a banquet in Calcutta, yesterday evening, said that the proudest title he possessed was that of being the queen's faithful ally, adding that his purse, his army and his own sword were ever at her disposal.

The Maharajah of Gwalior has asked permission to serve on General Roberts' staff and has offered to send troops, horses and a transport to South Africa. The government of France has appointed Captain Demange military attache at the Boer headquarters.

Many Crelans in Athens are offering their services to the British consul for the war in South in Africa.

Mr. Philip Tromblay, custodian of the Masonic Temple building in Merrimack street, has gone on a visit to friends and relatives in Montreal.

THRILLING STORY

Told by Crew of a Wrecked Boat

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 28.—Members of the crew of the wrecked whaleback barge 115, which went aground on Pic Island, Ont. on the northern shore of Lake Superior, tell a thrilling story of their experience after the ill-fated craft broke away from the steamer Colgate Hoyt.

Mate Lyndp said: "About 11 o'clock on Monday morning the barge drifted ashore on Pic Island where the barge grounded, the land being extremely bold and rises from the water's edge 500 to 600 feet and even higher in places. The barge began to pound heavily and we were afraid it would knock a hole in the hull. There was a little life raft on top of the after turret and we used this to get ashore. First, two of the men went ashore and made a landing and then sent the raft back and forth until we were all ashore. The shore was a couple of hundred feet from the boat and quite a sea was running. Some of the men took extra clothes with them and in the party we had two loaves of bread and a shoulder of ham besides our pockets full of candles. There were some provisions left aboard the boat but we had not time to get these and could not have carried them if we had as the snow was so deep on the land. We landed in a small cove and began to climb up the steep bluff. We caught hold of roots and stones and the small evergreen trees which grew among the rocks and at last reached the top. We thought at this time that we were ashore on the main land. The snow was about three feet deep but the weather was not as cold as on the water. The first night we camped in the woods and the next day we started along the shore line.

"It was then we found we were on an island. As we followed the shore we came across a log cabin about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. It was without a roof and had a part of an old sheet iron stove. We had taken ashore from the barge an axe and some matches and we all started to cut some boughs and make a roof on the shanty and make a fire in the stove. We stayed in the shanty Tuesday night and it was here that the steward's feet were so badly frozen. Wednesday morning we could see the mainland about three miles away. We ripped the old shanty down and made a raft with which to get ashore on the mainland. The raft was not large enough to hold all of the men and sank knee deep in the water when we all boarded it but we started out and after drifting a couple of miles down the shore, making our trip about five miles in all, we landed.

"As soon as the raft struck the shore, it went to pieces. There was lots of snow on the mainland but we built a fire and camped in the bush all night. On Thursday morning we started out and walked all day along the shore to the west. Our provisions were giving out and we had about half a slice of wet bread and two ounces of raw ham each. That night we camped in the bush again and on Friday morning, after walking until 11 o'clock we struck the tracks of the Canadian Pacific railroad. Here we ate the last of the provisions which we had with us. At last we met two section hands who told us that the nearest town was Middletown, a mile and a half away. We reached the railroad station at Middletown about noon on Friday. The agent there did all he could for us, fed us, gave us a place to sleep and dressed the steward's feet. The captain then wired the company of our arrival and we left on Sunday for Cleveland."

HIS FORTUNE GONE

Stahl Says He is Worse Than a Pauper

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—The committee appointed by the creditors to investigate the accounts of Stahl & Straub, brokers, who failed November 29, reports that the total liabilities amount to $1,221,398, and the total assets $927,568, leaving a deficiency of $293,829.

These figures mean that creditors, the banks only excepted, can never hope to realize a dollar on the amounts due them from the firm. The statement shows that there is $93,911 due to the banks and that the amount is secured to the loaners by stocks and bonds estimated at the value of $261,517. The result will be that every dollar of these securities although there is a surplus of $25,531 will be wiped out in settling the accounts due to the banks.

There is $287,364 due depositors and customers. There is $66,021 left to pay this amount which makes the losses to be sustained by individual customers and depositors with the firm of Stahl & Straub amount to $221,343, according to the firm's own books.

John H. Straub the junior member of the firm, is under bail on the charge of embezzlement. His partner, Jos. Stahl, is missing and a warrant has been issued for his arrest. In an interview, Mr. Straub said: "One month ago, I believed myself a wealthy man. I thought I was one of the partners in a remarkably successful and highly respected firm. Today I am worse than a pauper."

19TH ENDS NEW YEAR.

Editor Sun: Dear Sir—Would you kindly inform me through the columns of your valuable paper tonight whether 1899 will be the last year of the (19th) nineteenth century, or the first year of the (20th) twentieth and oblige

Yours respectfully,

SUN READER.

The year 1900 will complete the 19th century and on January 1, 1901, the new century will commence. For further information see The Sun of Saturday last and of Monday, Dec. 18th, for the facts and authorities on this matter.—Ed.

WELCOME.

Employes of the Lowell bleachery are cordially invited to attend the meeting of the Print Workers' Protective association which will take place at the Burkes' hall at 2 o'clock sharp Sunday afternoon.

(Signed) COMMITTEE.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Clark of Washington, D. C., with their little daughter Marion are guest at W. L. Clark' in Stackpole street.

AN EASTERN WAR

Predicted by Japan in the Spring

FRANCE AND RUSSIA MOVING ON CHINA

Japan Adding to Her Naval Strength

AND IS STORING UP RICE

Powers to Take Advantage of England

By Associated Press to The Sun.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 28.—The City of Lonson arrived here today from the Orient with news of a prospective war between Russia and Japan. Her officers say that all Japan now believes that hostilities will break out between these two nations in the spring. Before the steamer left Japan that kingdom was buying up great quantities of rice and even making arrangements for transports to make a demonstration in Korea. Great activity prevails on all sides in Japanese naval circles. A Shanghai report says that Russia has dispatched three warships to Masampo, the bone of contention now causing strained relations between the two nations.

MAHER'S ILL LUCK

His Little Girl Died on Christmas

HE HAS RETURNED TO TRAINING

The Betting on Maher-McCoy Fight

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WESTCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 28.—The first train yesterday brought Peter Maher, the Irish pugilist, back to his training quarters in this place after a brief stay with his family in Philadelphia. Maher was very sad on his return, as the little girl born to his wife on Christmas day died soon afterward. The child was buried yesterday.

Gloomy as Maher was he did not forget his approaching battle. Donning a sweater he started out with his trainers, Peter Burns and Peter Lowry, for a jaunt through Westchester. The men who were accompanied by Maher's three dogs, ran across country to Fort Schuyler and then along the short road to New Rochelle. The morning air was brisk and it was hard for Peter to get up a sweat. Peter, whose wind is fine, beat his trainers home.

In the afternoon a crowd of New York sports who have money to wager on the Maher-McCoy battle, visited the former's training quarters and watched him work. Maher spent two hours and a half in the gymnasium. After using the dumbbells, Peter spurted five rounds with Burns. Several times the Irish fighter had his man groggy. Maher then skipped the rope and threw the medicine ball around for a half hour.

Peter's foot work is fine. He is very shifty, and is all over his man when he least expects it. Maher has predicted that the battle will not last more than 12 rounds. His plan of fighting is to stalk and wear McCoy out early in the battle. When the "Kid" is weak Peter calculates on delivering his terrible right hook upon the jaw which will end the fight.

The sports who witnessed Maher today say that he was never in as good condition and that he showed well in a mix-up, and his wind is perfect. They were well pleased with him.

Billy Smith of Westchester, "Pittsburg Phil's brother, has placed $6000 in small bets during the last week upon Maher. Yesterday, Peter Burns, one of Maher's trainers, wagered $1000 with John Schlock that his man would beat McCoy. Billy Williams placed $1000 against $600 with John Shea that Maher would win.

HELD IN $1000

MRS. SARGENT WILL APPEAR BEFORE SUPERIOR COURT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LAWRENCE, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Ellen Sargent, of this city, was arraigned today on the charge of causing the death of her infant child, by neglect. She pleaded not guilty and was held in $1000 bonds for the January term of the superior court, which meets at Salem. The body of the child was found in the river December 8.

MOORE'S LAWYERS PROTEST.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Chief Inspector Watts today received a dispatch from Valparaiso, Chile, stating that Inspectors Houghton and Harris would be detained in that port for some time owing to a new legal controversy over the extradition of Fred T. Moore, the absconding assistant paying teller of the National Bank of Commerce. The dispatch indicates that the lawyers for Moore have made another protest against surrendering the fugitive to the Boston officers.

Fancy Dress Ball at Associate hall, Friday evening, Dec. 29.

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Smokers will find them A1 quality. JOHN F. BUCKLEY, City Salesman, with Bartlett & Buckley.

STOLE A MIRROR

Ellen Tuttle Arraigned in Police Court

WAS SENTENCED TO THE WORKHOUSE

Many Drunks Before Judge Hadley Today

According to Agent Richardson of the Humane society, Michael Hogan has been drinking very heavily during the past two weeks and his family, consisting of a wife and five little children, has been in hard circumstances since Christmas. Hogan lives with his family on Worthen street and last night Agent Richardson and Officer Boyle went to Hogan's house and found him there in a state of drunkenness. He was arrested and appeared before Judge Hadley in the police court this morning.

He was charged with drunkenness, and it was his second offence within a year. He promised that if given another chance he would take the pledge and would look after his family. Agent Richardson said that when Hogan is not drinking he is a good husband and father and a hard worker. The court after severely lecturing the defendant, ordered him placed in charge of the probation officer for a term of six months.

John J. Cummings, a young able-bodied man, was only released from the state farm at Bridgewater yesterday morning after serving a term of that institution for drunkenness. On arriving in Lowell he went to a house on Cross street, where he got to drinking with a woman. Officer Markham was called to the house early in the evening and found them both gloriously drunk and quite noisy. The officer arrested both of them.

Cummings has an aged mother and a sister who is under constant medical treatment, but he does not help either of them. He said he has work to go to in the Merrimack print works and asked the court for another chance. He was also placed on probation for a term of six months.

Edward Reynolds and his wife, Sarah, were up for drunkenness and both pleaded guilty. Both are old offenders. Edward was sent four months to the workhouse and Sarah five months to jail.

John Nugent, who has been out of jail only two weeks, was in again today for drunkenness. He was returned to jail for a term of four months.

Patrick Tryon, a second offender, was assessed $6.

Two simple offenders were discharged by the court.

Della Kenney and Ella McNamara were placed on probation.

Peter McQuade, a "regular" offender, who was arrested with Nugent, was fined $2.

Ellen Tuttle pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny of a mirror from Joanna E. Turner of John street. The mirror was valued at $2 and was taken from the hallway by defendant and pawned. The court sentenced Ellen to the workhouse for a term of five months. She was before the court for drunkenness some years ago, but either than that has no record.

The continued case of William Clark, charged with the larceny of $4.05 from Annie Holland, was continued again, owing to the complainant failing to appear in court. It was put over till tomorrow.

The case of George Lavalee, charged with illegally receiving baggage, was continued one month for trial.

Seven of the drunks were arrested by Officer Markham last night.

HALL DEDICATED

BY COURT CITY OF PITTSFIELD, FORESTERS OF AMERICA.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PITTSFIELD, Dec. 28—Court City of Pittsfield, F. of A., the pioneer court of all Foresters in Berkshire county, dedicated its new Foresters' hall last evening with special and impressive services. It was a county affair and the Foresters from the four corners of the county were present to assist the grand officers of the grand court of the state in carrying out the ritualistic work.

The following courts attended: Waconah of Dalton, Onconta of Housatonic, Klondyke of Great Barrington, Fernecliff of Lee, Adams of Adams, North Adams of North Adams, Berkshire Circle of Companions of Great Barrington, Greylock of Pittsfield, and Mountain View Companions of Pittsfield. Fully 600 Foresters and Companions filled the large apartments of the court City of Pittsfield. It was in reality a reunion of all the Foresters of the county.

The new rooms of the order were decorated for the occasion, presenting a fine appearance. After a brief recession to the grand officers the dedicatory work was carried out, the grand chief ranger conducting the services, which were most impressive.

Chief Ranger John J. Flynn of Pittsfield court introduced the grand officers. Following the dedicatory exercises Grand Chief Ranger Fitzgerald spoke eloquently on Forestry. The grand secretary, Mr. Gallagher, spoke briefly, congratulating the court on its great prosperity.

Court City of Pittsfield was instituted Aug. 16 1892. Its growth has been remarkable from the first and at the end of the first year it boasted 100 members, which membership has now attained 252.

MORE GOLD SHIPPED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Muller, Schall & Co., will ship $500,000 gold on the steamship Campania Saturday.

THE SIX DAY RACE

Dubois Still in the Lead in Big Race

HE IS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION

And Made Great of Speed Yesterday

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 28.—With the six-day bicycle race at Adelphi rink half over, John Dubois, the local rider who has just joined the professional ranks, leads his nearest competitor, Munroe, by nearly four miles.

The crowd at the races last night cheered the contestants, and repeated bursts of speed made an interesting sight. John Dubois was still in the lead and gained three laps on his nearest competitor. He made a great spurt just before the end of the day's ride, and easily gained a lap on Lauritz, who is said to be a dark horse, and is laying back to make a great finish.

Young Downey had a cramp in his shoulder early this evening and was off for a run down, during which time he lost all he had gained on Lauritz and more too. Downey and Lauritz took the only tumble during the evening.

The men are all in excellent condition, and as the race draws near a finish more interesting work may be expected.

Score at 11 p. m.:

Dubois, 420.13, Munroe, 416.11; McLean, 416.11; Lauritz, 414.2; Downey, 396.3; McDaniels, 240.8.

The third day began at 3 o'clock this afternoon, with the six riders, Dubois, Monroe, McLean, Lauritz, Downey and McDaniels, all fairly well for their eight hours work. Dubois had the lead all the afternoon, but he had to ride hard, and Jim Downey, the young Boston rider, who was sick Tuesday, was after Lauritz's scalp, the latter being some 12 miles ahead.

The colored rider, McDaniels, rode around the track slowly at first, but he livened up matters by singing rag-time songs. Trainer McLeish took McDaniels in hand and altered him a chicken leg every time he would lap the bunch.

Up to 5 o'clock the New York man had earned and taken two of the coveted prizes. He started in to win another, but Downey didn't propose to let him gain laps, so he spurted after the colored rider and picked him up. The pace was pretty fast, and Downey, Dubois, and McLean and Munroe gained a lap on the Belgian. McLean, in going around the west turn, had the misfortune to slip and strike a post. Dubois had a fortunate escape from colliding with McLean's wheel, a spectator pulling it off the track just before Dubois scorched by. Dubois' wheel just skimming past McLean's head. The colored rider rode off the track to get out of harm's way. McLean lost two laps by the spill and in another spill lost several more laps.

Lauritz set the pace during the nineteenth hour, riding hard and pushing the bunch, evidently tiring Downey. Downey had gained a mile on the Belgian but his tire gave out and Lauritz gained back about a quarter of a mile. In this hour Lauritz and McLean collided. Lauritz's trainer had a heated argument with the referee, claiming that Munroe allowed his man to cause the spill. The referee didn't see it in this light.

Six o'clock score: Dubois 331 miles, 11 laps; Monroe 318 miles, 2 laps; McLean, 327 miles, 10 laps; Lauritz, 326 miles, 5 laps; Downey, 315 miles, 2 laps; McDaniels, 230 miles.

GIRL FLATHEADED

GREAT DISCOVERY BY DR. J. W. SEAVER OF YALE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 28.—Among the many papers read yesterday in the various meetings of the eleven scientific societies which are holding their annual meetings under the auspices of Yale, a paper by Dr. Jay W. Seaver of Yale on the difference between the eastern and western women created the most comment.

Dr. Seaver took up the anthropometrical measurements of the girls at Wellesley, at Oberlin college, Ohio, and at the university of Nebraska. Dr. Seaver said that he had studied these measurements to discover if possible whether they presented any such distinction as was shown in Gould's anthropometrical data gathered at the close of the civil war.

This data collected by Gould showed that in Vermont and Minnesota and in the northern agricultural states generally there was a marked increase in height and general physique of soldiers who had served in the war. Gould divided these statistics into two divisions, urban and rural. He found that the taller and better class of men physically came from the rural districts.

Dr. Seaver said that he had found the very opposite was true of the women of the country as represented in these three colleges.

He said that Wellesley got most of its students from Boston and therefore could be taken to represent the city type of women while Oberlin and the University of Nebraska drew their students from the country districts and might be said to represent the rural type of American women.

Dr. Seaver then proceeded to point out the physical differences between these two types of American womanhood.

He said: "The Wellesley girl has the smaller chest girth, while the Nebraska girl is much deeper-chester and is particularly stronger in lung capacity. In height the Wellesley girl leads. There is an interesting difference in the heads of these two types of womanhood. The head of the Wellesley girl is much larger. She is flat headed. One might divide the two types into the cutter and schooner builds of heads. The eastern girl as the cutter build, the antero-postero diameter being longer, while the western girl has the schooner build, the lateral diameter being longer. I think this difference can be attributed to the predominance of the Teutonic blood in the west."

The engagement of Miss Elizabeth A. Lynch to Mr. John J. Brennan is announced.

NO INDICTMENT

FOUND BY THE GRAND JURY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The grand jury was discharged by Judge Cowing today after it had handed in a presentment in the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company investigation in which it found no indictment. Five of the grand jurymen put themselves on record as opposed to the investigation. The grand jury said in the presentment that the time had been too short for the work and they recommended that the subject be given to next month's grand jury.

NEW MAGAZINE CO.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 28.—The New York Herald company was incorporated here today with a capital stock of $100,000 to publish newspapers and magazines. The incorporators are Jas. Gordon Bennett, G. G. Howland, William Jay, William C. Reick, Eaton B. Brome, Thomas H. Hamilton, all of New York, and H. W. Chandler, Short Hills, N. J. Mr. Bennett owns 995 shares and the other six incorporators one share each.

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CHRISTMAS DINNERS AND GOOD THINGS.

What to Eat at This Very Delightful Season When all the Arts of the Housewife are Taxed to Supply Variety.

CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Raw Oysters.
Bouillon.
Boiled Salmon, Hollandaise Sauce.
Pickles. Boiled Potato Balls.
Salted Almonds.
Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce.
Celery. Mashed Potatoes.
Scalloped Asparagus. Chicken Pie.
Kirsch Punch.
Roast Duck. Currant Jelly.
Sweet Potato Croquettes.
Lettuce Salad. Sweetbreads.
Plum Pudding, Brandy Sauce.
Mince Pie. Apple Pie. Cheese.
Ice Cream. Cake.
Nuts. Raisins. Fruit.
Coffee.

CHRISTMAS BALLS.

For these take some good mince-meat, and with well floured hands roll this into balls, using an egg to bind the mixture, then brush over with beaten egg, and roll the balls in crushed ratafias and chopped almonds, and fry in plenty of hot fat; drain and serve very hot.

HOW TO FINISH MINCE-PIES.

To give a delicious crispness to the outside of your mince-pies, when your pastry has almost finished baking draw it from the oven and brush it quickly over with the white of an egg and a little water mixed together; then sprinkle with sugar and return to the oven for a few minutes longer.

FRUIT PIE FOR THE NURSERY.

Fill pie-dish with stewed apples or any other fruit in season, and over same put some thin bread-and-butter, placing each piece close together so as to completely cover. Bake in an oven until a nice light-brown color, and shake sifted sugar on top. This is a nice substitute for pastry, besides being wholesome for the little ones.

RICH PLUM-CAKE.

Well line a cake-tin with buttered paper.

Cream together half a pound butter and half a pound sugar. Well beat five eggs, and add them gradually to the sugar and butter.

Sieve together three-quarters of a pound flour, one teaspoonful baking powder, and half a teaspoonful salt. Add to the butter and eggs.

Now stir in half a pound sultanas, half a pound glace cherries, quarter of a pound finely chopped almonds, the grated rind of two lemons, half an ounce powdered cloves, spice, and cinnamon mixed, and either one gill of brandy or a gill of milk.

Put into the tin.

Place the tin on a baking-sheet on a layer of sand and bake for two and a half hours in a moderate oven.

PLAIN CHRISTMAS CAKE.

Well grease a really large cake-tin. Melt half a pound of dripping in a saucepan, add to it half a pound of sugar and one pound molasses. Stir over the fire till the sugar is dissolved.

Put four large coffeecupfuls of flour, one teaspoonful carbonate of soda, half a pound of currants, and half a pound of stoned raisins into a basin.

Pour the molasses and currants into the flour, add one large breakfastcupful sour milk and two well-beaten eggs. Mix all thoroughly. Pour into the tin, and bake about one and a half hours, or longer if necessary.

MINCE-MEAT.

Chop two pounds suet very finely.

Stone and chop two and a half pounds raisins, clean one and a half pounds currants, peel and finely chop two pounds of apples and a quarter of a pound of lemon-peel.

Put all these ingredients into a basin, add four cloves, quarter of an ounce mace or mixed spice, the rind and juice of three lemons, and one and a half ounces chopped almonds.

Mix all well together, pour over quarter of a pint brandy and quarter of a pint port or home-made wine, and tie closely down in jars till required.

HOW TO BUY A CHRISTMAS TREE.

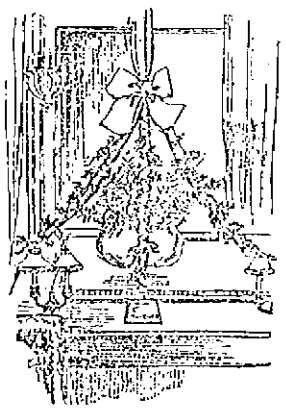
There are Straight Trees and Feathery Trees and Some are Expensive and Others Can be Bought for Your Own Price.

It would be difficult to calculate how many Christmas trees are used annually in the United States. New York alone used more than two hundred thousand last year. Those that are used in New York are obtained principally from Maine, the quaint old Pine-Tree State. In summer Maine takes summer boarders, that being the third largest industry in the State. In November and December she cuts Christmas trees. Along the upper Penobscot River the number of trees suitable for bearing Christmas gifts is literally legion. There are people in Maine who have acquired a handsome competence by the Christmas tree industry.

New York State also furnishes many Christmas trees to the metropolis. In the Catskill Mountains there are annually cut thousands of these trees, among which old Hendrik Hudson and his demon crew have been playing skittles and drinking schnapps nightly for centuries, and under whose umbrageous shadows dear old Rip Van Winkle took his long nap of twenty years' duration. The Adirondacks also furnish many trees, and from the shores of Otsego Lake come many others. The Green Mountains of Vermont also send Christmas trees to the little descendants of the Dutch settlers on Manhattan Island, as likewise do the shores of Lake Winnipiscogee and the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

Christmas trees may be of hemlock, pine, balsam fir, cedar or spruce. Each has merits peculiarly its own, except, perhaps, the pine and hemlock, which are often shabby, and whose only merit is cheapness. The green of the cedar is not so bright as that of the others, and perhaps that is why it lasts so much longer. Cedar trees are sometimes to be obtained with branches bearing here and there its lovely frosty berries, and the effect of such a tree is singularly beautiful. Spruce trees are very handsome and stately, and from their branches may be hung gifts heavier than any other Christmas tree will support.

But many people prefer the balsam firs, for they are redolent of the fragrant piny woods. Then, too, the needles of the balsam fir are finer and



AN EASY AND EFFECTIVE ARRANGEMENT.

softer than those of the spruce or cedar, and the blending of vivid green on the upper part of its needles and silver gray on the lower portion is one of those artistic and beautiful effects which nature alone, of all artists, can produce. This tree is also more rounded and symmetrical than any other. It is easily trimmed.

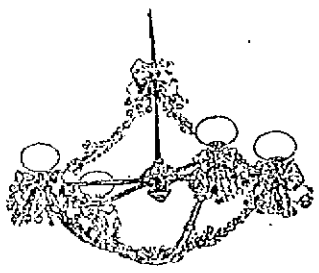
Your tree selected, you can trim it for as much or as little money as you please. If your tree is very tall it will be well to trim the upper branches before placing it in a perpendicular position, lest they be too high to be easily reached. First of all you want some attractive and appropriate ornament for the summit or "tip-top" point of your tree. If you desire to trim it at very little cost a small figure of Santa Claus can be bought for ten cents, or you may substitute for that patron saint of Christmas a cardboard figure of a boy or girl in winter garb, or one of an angel with a trumpet, blowing out Christmas tidings.

A surprising quantity of pink and white popped corn can be bought for a few cents, and, if strung upon strings and festooned on the upper branches, it will look very pretty, as will also cranberries similarly used. Balls of white cotton fastened to the ends of the boughs and small pieces of the same scattered all over the tree give a very pretty snow effect.

If you want an expensive tree, nothing is prettier in the way of ornament than the colored balls of the shops. Hang these numerously from every branch and have festoons of smaller ones from branch to branch all around the tree from top to bottom.

A TEACUP PIN-CUSHION, A SIMPLE CHRISTMAS HINT.

Use plenty of the tinsels representing frost and icicles and the little balls like frozen bubbles blown from a liquid rainbow. Then the shops have a close imitation of festoons of snow, which you can attach to every twig, branch and needle. This snow is made of the tissue paper and comes packed in boxes. Gilt stars, sold at any stationer's, should be used in abundance, as should also cardboard, china and candy angels, cherubs and children. A tree thus trimmed costs from $10 to $25.



IN RIBBONS AND MISTLETOE.

This year Christmas trees are handsomer than ever. A very nice one about four feet high can be bought for 30 cents. A tree from eighteen to nineteen feet high is worth $4.50 to $6, and some monstrous trees, standing twenty-five feet high, will probably be sold at not less than $10.

CARE OF THE SKIN.

There are many little skin troubles which are both persistent and troublesome and vex one's very soul by appearing on the face. A greasy skin may arise from various causes, but generally from lack of cleanliness or debility of the skin. Only an astringent has any effect upon it and a very simple, entirely harmless one may be made from one pint of rosewater, half a pint of vinegar, and a few drops of essence of rose. This lotion may be applied with a piece of soft linen or a very fine sponge.

Blackheads are very difficult to get rid of and are caused by the clogging of the pores of the skin by dust or foreign matter. Alcohol, ninety per cent., applied by the means of a piece of chamois skin, will give tone to the skin and remove unsuspected dirt and dust, at the same time stimulating the small glands and removing, by constant use, the blackheads.

Tan and freckles may be removed by the use of the following lotion: Two drachms of powdered sal-ammoniac, four fluid drachms of eau of Cologne, one quart of distilled water. Lemon-juice and borax are both very efficacious and are home remedies.

A TAILOR MADE GIRL OF 1900.

She Will Wear a Jacket Different From Her Skirt and Both Will be Bordered With Fur.

New York.—There is much that is new in fashion's world.

The tailor made dress little resembles the simple creation which was known under that name when the tailor made gown first came in vogue. The tailor gown of that day was so severe as to be unbecoming to any but the ideal figure and so close fitting as to require the hand of an artist modiste to fit it. None but men could fit the tailor-made gowns, for they required that squareness of shoulder and absolute flatness of back which only the man fitter had learned.

But that day has changed. The tailor-made gown has lost its simplicity. It is just as well fitted, but women have learned the art of doing it; and there are becoming lines of trimming and many folds to relieve the fearfully hard outlines.

The tailor-made, as you know, was until very recently all of one color. Now it has bright bits introduced in the shape of folds, vests, beltings and stocks.

But the tailor made gown is still characteristic and unmistakable. You can tell it at a glance by its set, its finish, its trim look, the peculiar quality which the English call "fit" and which the French style "chic."

A woolen poplin with flat ribs illustrates this. It is of rich royal brown, not lustrous, but very beautiful and substantial-looking for winter. It is one of those delightful new fabrics which are suitable for street wear.

MUCH STITCHING.

Stitching, by the way, is one of the distinctive features of a tailor-made gown. It is not at all expensive but requires the most exquisite exactness. Your silk must be of the sort that positively will not break or knot. The tension of your machine must be set with a rather long stitch; and when you once begin you must carry your stitching straight along, without a break or flaw. English tailors mark the goods with chalk, in a mathematically straight line, never basting it for fear of catching the basting stitches. They use very lustrous silk thread exactly matching the goods and they employ never less than three rows of stitching to mark a hem or seam. Stitching is almost the only trimming they use upon the most severe of their spring and fall gowns, but they use it so plentifully that it looks like a band of goods.

Stitched bands are very popular and very easy to do. You cut your goods in strips and stitch them in many rows, until you have a stiffly stitched band, anywhere from half an inch to an inch and a half wide. This you use to strap your seams and to trim your vests and cuffs and collar. It makes a beautiful trimming for the seams of your bodice and is an excellent finish wherever you choose to place it. Yards and yards of these stitched bands are used upon the skirts and waists of the new tailor-made dresses.

The woolen poplin was trimmed around the foot in skaters' style. The skater's skirt has usually a heavy band to give it weight and swing. It is almost essential that it should be finished in this way or it will fill like a balloon and prove ungraceful.

There come fur cloths for this purpose which are light and almost as serviceable as fur; they are much less expensive and hold their color very well. The astrachan cloth is an example; then there is the dark coney and the black boucle which comes as fine and curly as astrachan. This material makes a very pretty border and can be used in all widths, for skirt trimmings, for cuff trimming and for the bands upon the long skating coat.

DIFFERENT JACKETS.

For a jacket the woolen poplin may have a Scotch ribbed whipcord, which is decidedly new. It looks like a man's suiting. It is heavy and crossed many times with whipcords of different colors. This makes a very good winter coat to wear with the plain skirt. Tailor-made jackets, by the way, do not always match the skirt; they sometimes merely harmonize.

The belt is an essential part of the tailor made suit. Take any half long jacket and belt it with a wide band of velvet and you have almost the same results as though you had bought an expensive new belted jacket from Paris.

A clever trick was practiced by a New York girl who had more taste and skill than money. She lives near Central Park and she is getting ready for the skating season. In her wardrobe was a bodice of last year's make without basques. She took this bodice and fitted to the front of it a broad pointed plastron, of the shape known as cuirass. It was broad at the neck and pointed at the belt line. It was made of velvet. The bodice was hooked underneath the cuirass front and the plastron was fastened over it. Of course there was a soft belt of velvet at the waist.

The most eccentric bodices are worn with tailor-made gowns. Bodice pieces are very fashionable. A set of them consists of plastron, lapels, cuffs and collar; and they may be of the same material as the dress or of a contrasting kind.

You see bodice pieces of velvet, of fur, and of silk, variously lined, and of the plain black materials, such as cashmere and poplin, as well as broadcloth and ladies' cloth.

Tailor made dresses have another characteristic. Their fur trimmings are put on eccentrically. Instead of the regulation bands there are bodice pieces of fur also, one of the dressiest of these being a sort of bolero arrangement. The fur is brought around the front seams under the arms in such a way as to look like a bolero. It may be arranged upon a little bolero which is put on separately, or the fur may be simply a way of decorating the tailor-made bodice.

While we are admiring the long coats, such as the automobile, which touches the ground, and the long English box, which is loose and comes to the knees, there is another coat which is gradually creeping upon us and which is very becoming to the figure. This is the cutaway coat. It is tight fitting at the belt and is cut away below the belt in the front, gradually rounding toward the back into coat tails which may or may not be separated. Tailors use almost the identical lines of a man's cutaway coat, fitting it in close to the back, the sides and the front, and cutting it away below the belt line.

There is this to be said for the cutaway. It is very graceful. It adds length to the figure and there is a style about it that is unmistakable.

A BORDER SEASON.

All the tailor-made gowns show a border. This is a border season. It may be only a broad band of stitching to border the jacket. For jacket borders there are sometimes as many as fifteen rows of the stitching in white or in a contrasting color; or the jacket border may be of fur. For such outdoor occasions as skating and winter golf there is nothing as decorative as the fur border, even though it be very narrow.

Vests, boleros and panels are made, or as the modistes say, "developed," from the new French textures. One of these is a crepon with a silk stripe of a contrasting color. Another is a silk, with an odd crepon stripe in it. But you will generally find that the plain colors and standard materials make the best trimmings. Never forget that poplin is a winter material as well as a summer one. In the dark colors, such as bottle green, dark china blue, royal brown and garnet it is perfect.

Since so great a fascination lingers around the word "new," it may be mentioned that there are several new things. A silver fox boa may be new to many when arranged with the head and two feet at one end, the tail and two bushy feet forming the other end. This is expensive but pretty. Another novelty in furs is the fur toque—they used to call them fur caps! The toque has a soft crown caught at irregular intervals; and at one side there is an immense chiffon or tulle rosette, standing very smart and high. To keep the tulle or chiffon in shape this weather there is a lining of silk muslin.

In furs there is another new wrinkle. Old fur coats are made very serviceable by the additions of velvet cuffs, a velvet collar, revers of velvet and sometimes a band of velvet down the front and around the bottom. Take stock of your old fur coat and see how abundantly this would renew it.

Fur muffs show vagaries. A fur muff is trimmed at one side with a very large bunch of tulle loops from which hangs a bunch of short tails.

They also make muffs entirely of chiffon, four different shades being used. A bunch of tails will give the requisite fur finish.

Helen Hard.

BABY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS.

WHILE MAMMA PLUCKS PRESENTS OFF THE TREE OLD SANTA CLAUS WILL STAND IN THE SHADOW CHUCKLING TO BEHOLD THE DELIGHT OF BABY ON HIS FIRST CHRISTMAS MORNING.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Of the Paige Street and Fifth Street Churches

At the Paige Street Free Baptist church, last night, the annual meeting was held, with a fair attendance of members. Rev. A. E. Wilson was the moderator and he opened the meeting with prayer. J. D. Whitney presented a partial report as treasurer and Mrs. S. W. Wiggin reported for the King's Daughters. Mrs. W. O. Brown presented the report for the Ladies' Sewing Circle. These reports were encouraging and showed good progress during the year.

The following officers were elected: Clerk, J. A. Janvrin; treasurer, J. D. Whitney; prudential committee, J. A. Janvrin, J. H. Brennan, D. P. Knowlton; standing committee, J. H. Caverly, J. E. Armstrong, W. B. Dickinson, W. E. Hatch, S. W. Wiggin; examining committee, W. B. Dickinson, Mrs. Francis Roberts, Hubert J. Kimball, auditor, W. L. Russell; junior deacons, W. O. Brown, Jas. H. Brennan; deaconesses, Mrs. W. G. Howe, Mrs. Margaret Hardy, Mrs. W. O. Brown, Mrs. Francis Roberts.

The annual meeting of the society was held at the conclusion of the church meeting. Rev. Mr. Wilson was moderator and W. O. Batchelder was chosen clerk, J. E. Armstrong was elected treasurer and collector. The election of an auditor and a standing committee was deferred for one week.

FIFTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

The annual meeting of the Fifth St. Baptist church was held last night, Rev. H. W. O. Millington, the pastor of the church, presiding. The report of the standing committee was read by the clerk and accepted, after which came the clerk's report. This gave great cause for encouragement showing that the additions to membership have been more than for several years and that interest in church work has increased. The treasurer's report was deferred until a future meeting but it was stated that this has been one of the most sucessful financial years in the history of the church. The weekly offering system has proved abundantly successful in providing sufficient income to meet the obligations of the church at all times. Reports were next presented from the board of deacons, the Bible school, the mission school and the librarian all of which indicated health and progress. Then came the election of officers and committees for the ensuing year as follows: Clerk, Henry C. Wilder; treasurer, Luther C. Stiles; auditors, C. W. Nevers and Alexander Leggett; standing committee, pastor, deacons, John B. Brown, J. B. Gilman, Levi L. Hall, M. M. Lord, R. B. Thomas, Melvin Eames, F. Carpenter; Bible school superintendent, R. B. Thomas; assistant superintendent, Robert Hollingsworth; secretary, Richard Hulton; superintendent of Hildreth mission, James B. Gilman; assistant superintendent, Thos. Shaw, secretary, Miss Jennie M. Shaw; treasurer, M. H. Dudley.

LAUGHABLE COMEDY

PRESENTED BY THE FIRST TRINITARIAN CHURCH.

Last night the Dramatic club of the First Trinitarian church, under the direction of Mrs. George F. Kenngott, gave their first presentation in the church vestry, of the laughable three-act comedy, the "Donation Party, or New Year's Eve at the Parsonage."

The old-time custom of sweeping down upon the pastor's home and depleting his larder, leaving his family poorer for the visit instead of richer, was wittily hit off by a group of clever amateurs. The play will be repeated this evening and is well worth seeing. The cast is as follows:

Rev. George Baxter, pastor of Punkinville parish, Arthur F. Butler; Herbert, his long-lost son, Herbert D. Hope; Pete, the colored chore boy, William Morgan; Squire Applebee, Aunt Jerushy's admirer, Charles L. Blake; Brother Smith, a wealthy but mean farmer, George Blake; old Peters, a farmer, Walter Muzzey; Mr. Smith, a tree agent, George Blake; Joe, Samanthy's admirer, Hervey J. Gamble; Josh Herbert C. Riddick; Seth, Arthur H. Hope; Bob, Arthur Jones; a tramp, Arthur Hope; Mrs. Baxter, the pastor's good wife, Laura B. Conant; Aunt Jerushy, spinster of forty-five, Laura B. Symonds; Mary and Hannah, the two daughters of the pastor, Crissie Dewar, Lila Wilcox; Phoebe, a colored maid of fifteen, Grace M. Boynton; Marm Brown, deaf but not dumb, Alice M. Wing; Mrs. Wilkins, about forty, Samanthy, about twenty years old, Melissy, about twenty years old, gossips, Maude Baisley, Alice Audette, and Mabel Dent.

CHRISTMAS TREE

FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Christmas tree and entertainment was held last night by the children of the primary department of the First Baptist Sunday school in the church vestry yesterday afternoon. The tree was a beautiful one well filled with gifts for the smaller children and with the chimney in the center of the platform was so realistic that if Santa Claus had popped down at any moment no one would have been surprised. But he was too busy to come and so the presents were distributed by his substitutes, the pastor and his wife, and assistants in the school. The entertainment opened with the singing of "Heart Bells" which was followed by a bible drill and then came songs and recitations appropriate to the season. At the close, little Montague Palmer Ford sang "Sunshine" looking up into his father's face for inspiration. He was loudly applauded.

SUBSCRIPTION PARTY.

The first of a series of three subscription parties managed by the young ladies of the social set was given in Lester's hall last night. There were decorations in the spirit of Christmas week and the dance called out a very jolly number of young people. The matrons were Mrs. George H. Pillsbury, Mrs. Frank H. Holmes, Mrs. A. E. Rose and Mrs. Willis Farrington. Valentine's orchestra furnished the music.

BODY IS STILL UNCLAIMED.

The body of Dale Armstrong, the showman who fell downstairs in a Lawrence Hotel Sunday, still remains at the morgue in that city unclaimed. Relatives in Chicago have been communicated with by the police but no reply has yet been obtained. If an answer does not arrive today the remains will be interred in Potter's field.

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POLISH MURDERS

Nine Persons Murdered at Osiek, Polana

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—A horrible wholesale murder has just been committed in Osiek, near Kalisch, Poland. Nine members of the family of a wealthy landed proprietor named Kowalski were killed after frightful torture. The house was robbed of everything valuable. The mutilated corpses were discovered yesterday, but there is no clue to the murderers.

ANNUAL SUPPER

AND CHRISTMAS TREE AT HIGH STREET CHURCH.

The children of the High street Sunday school had their annual supper and Christmas tree yesterday afternoon and evening with a very large attendance. The room had been nicely decorated with Christmas greens and tables were prepared for the members of the junior and primary departments and they were bountifully filled with good things from the ladies of the church. Mr. W. E. Kezer and a large corps of assistants had charge of the supper and all arrangements were in excellent taste.

Two large trees tastefully trimmed stood on one side of the vestry, the work being in the care of the flower committee of the young people's society. On the platform a large box was prepared for Santa Claus and although his voice could be heard as he handed the presents to Mr. Carl D. Burtt, who called the children's names and mystified them as to the presence of their favorite yet he could not be seen. Besides the presents each child was given a fancy box of candy, the gift of D. L. Page and a large box of assorted confectionery was also sent in by Mr. Frank Hough. Mr. Warren Cornock entertained the company with violin selections and everybody present went away satisfied with the good time provided.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE

WON TWO GAMES IN CHESS TOURNAMENT YESTERDAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The games in the third round of the inter-collegiate chess tournament yesterday resulted as follows:

Falk, Columbia, beat Henry, Princeton, after 46 moves; Falk played a steady game throughout.

Cook, Yale, and Perry, Harvard, played a draw after 45 moves. Sewell Columbia, beat Morgan, Yale, in 63 moves. Both men played fine chess.

The game between Hunt, Princeton, and Rice, Harvard, was not concluded and a decision will be rendered at the conclusion of the tournament. The positions of the contestants were very complicated.

A BANQUET

TENDERED TO TERRY McGOVERN, THE PUGILIST.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Terry McGovern, the bantam-weight champion boxer, was tendered a banquet at the Argyle cafe in Brooklyn last night. At the conclusion of the banquet, a diamond studded belt emblematic of the bantam weight championship was presented to the Brooklyn boxer by Sam C. Austin, on behalf of Richard K. Fox.

TORPEDO BOAT

LAUNCHED YESTERDAY AT THE TRIGG SHIP YARD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 28.—Despite the fact that it was snowing heavily a large crowd assembled at the Trigg ship yard yesterday to witness the launching of the torpedo boat Stockton. The Stockton is a sister boat to the Shubrick, which was launched at the Trigg yard some weeks ago.

Miss Katherine Stockton, the oldest unmarried daughter of the oldest son of Commodore Stockton, christened th boat and the affair went off without the slightest hitch. The Stockton is 175 feet and four feet eight inches draught, and is expected to make on her trial trip 26 knots.

STRUCK BY TRAIN

HENRY R. SIMONDS OF WINCHESTER INSTANTLY KILLED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Henry R. Simonds, a provision dealer of Winchester, was killed last night by a train on the Main street crossing in that town. He had started to cross the track after a freight train had passed by and was struck by a north-bound express and hurled many feet, being instantly killed. He was 35 years old.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTE

TO AID FACTORY INSPECTORS IN OVERTIME WORK.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 28.—The executive committee of the various labor organizations have decided to aid the factory inspectors in every way possible to obtain evidence regarding the alleged illegal running of overtime by the Haigraves and Parker corporations in this city. The claim is made by the operatives that the majority of overtime work is being done under compulsion.

MR. BOUTELLE

IN A PRIVATE HOSPITAL IN BROOKLINE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Congressman Charles A. Boutelle of Maine is under treatment at the private hospital of Dr. Walter Channing in Brookline one of Boston's best residential suburbs. Mr. Boutelle arrived here from Bangor early yesterday morning and was immediately conveyed to the hospital but every attempt to ascertain his condition has so far been met with a courteous but firm refusal on the part of the physician in charge.

Dr. Channing's institution is situated on Boylston street adjoining the estate of the late Col. Henry Lee and is very retired and free from the noise and turmoil. Electric cars do not run within half a mile of it and the neighborhood is entirely residential.

WAR IN THE SPRING.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 28.—Advices received from the Orient yesterday state that Russia and France are conniving to begin encroaching on Chinese territory and against England and that Japan is buying immense quantities of rice. It is believed that war will break out in the spring.

Miss Maude Louise Gillespie, of the class of 1899, Lowell High school and now a student at the Normal school is visiting friends at Haverhill during the holidays.

Eyesight by absorption. Dr. Taylor.

THE GRAND JURY

Investigating Certain Slanderous Rumors

WHICH AFFECTED MARKET PRICE

Of Rapid Transit Stock at Brooklyn

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The grand jury yesterday heard a number of witnesses in the matter of a charge of slander made against persons unknown for the circulation of a rumor to the effect that a receiver was about to be applied for by the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company. It is claimed that this rumor had the effect of so discrediting the stock that it dropped a number of points. The grand jury is trying to ascertain who started the rumor. The case is an unusual one and comes under a section of the penal code which provides a fine and imprisonment for any person who knowingly circulates a false statement for the purpose of influencing the market price of stocks or bonds.

President Rossiter of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company was the first witness in the case. He was before the jury for some time. The next witness called was J. S. Bache of the stock broking firm of J. S. Bache and company of this city. Mr. Bache was served with an order to produce books and papers as it was said that in his orders he had many dealings with prominent persons interested in the depression of stocks.

It is said that Mr. Bache declined at first to answer questions concerning bear operators. He was allowed to consult his attorney and then he reentered the grand jury room and answered the questions.

One of the results of the testimony of Mr. Bache was the issuance of a subpoena for Joseph Leary, a telegraph operator, employed by James Bache and company. This was regarded as significant, as the firm has a direct wire to Boston and the telegram containing the report in question is said to have been sent from that city.

Mr. E. S. Hooley, manager for Ralston and Bass of this city, was called into the grand jury room. This firm also has a private wire to Boston, from which the false rumor is said to have been sent.

Edward D. Jones of the Talbot J. Taylor company of this city was the next witness. T. J. Taylor is a son-in-law of James R. Keene and is also known as Mr. Keene's broker. Elijah Smith of this city and of Plainfield, N. J., was next summoned before the grand jury. A detective then arrived at the grand jury room with Joseph Leary, the operator in Bache's office. Herbert V. Falke, the manager of the office, protested and wanted to enter the grand jury room with Leary as he said to protect the interest of the firm. When Mr. Leary had completed his testimony, Mr. Falke was escorted into the grand jury room. He remained with the grand jury for a considerable time. Sidney T. Schuyler was the last witness subpoenaed. The grand jury adjourned after Schuyler's testimony.

PRES. NOONAN

DENIES THAT HIBERNIANS VOTED FOR A FENIAN INVASION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 28.—A prominent member of the Hibernians of Ottawa telegraphed President James Noonan of division 36, Ancient Order Hibernians, Worcester, Mass., asking if it were correct that he and the members of the order had voted for an invasion of Canada. A reply has been received denying that anything of the kind took place. Mr. Noonan added that the society was purely for fraternal purposes.

A REUNION

OF MEMBERS OF DARTMOUTH COLLEGE CLASS OF '76.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—A dinner and reunion of the members of Dartmouth college, class of 1876, was held last evening at the Quincy house with ten present. At the dinner arrangements were made for observing the 25th anniversary of the class of 1901. At that time the members of the class will present a scholarship to Dartmouth. For that purpose a considerable sum of money has already been contributed.

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FOR SALE—On Cross street, good 7-room cottage house in good repair, large barn, lots of carriage room, concrete driveway, 800 feet of land, price only $300. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

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WE are now ready for business, either in buying or selling house furnishing goods at No. 50 Charles street. New and second hand furniture store and our dealings both ways will be our best advertisement. There will be some one at all business hours to answer demands. E. O'Neil, Attorney.

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WANTED—A good sewer on plain white worsted. Steady work and good pay. Success Worsted Co., North Chelmsford, Mass.

WANTED—Experienced hustling general agent wanted in this territory on a article which sells at sight. $200 capital and references required. To experienced man, a good proposition. Address Bonkat Coal Saver Co., 75 Westminster st., Providence, R. I.

WANTED—A situation to care for invalid or keep house for widower. Address A. H., this office.

WANTED.—Stenographer (lady or gentleman) employed or not, having leisure hour or so, day or evening, can secure profitable employment. Address "TYPEWRITER," Sun office.

WANTED—Policy holders in the Covenant Mutual Life association, send your addresses to P. O. Box 503, Lowell, Mass.

WANTED—A neat little girl residing in Belvidere or vicinity to mind a baby daytime. Apply 31, Sun Office.

WANTED—To purchase lodging house in Lowell for cash. Must be cheap. Address K., Sun Office.

WANTED—Old and young men to buy new hats and we clean free of charge for one year at Delorme's, 201 Middlesex street.

WANTED—Cooks, kitchen, girls, table girls, general housework girls. Free ride in our carriage. Dona, 155 Merrimack street, opposite Bon Marche.

WANTED—Old and young men to bring their old hats to Delorme, the hatter, the only hatter in town where they make hats to order. 201 Middlesex street.

CALL AT GONZALES, the cutter, 124 Gorham street, if you want a first-class razor or strap. He has the new Xavier razor which excels all others. Razors concaved and honed.

TO LET.

TO LET—Cottage houses at Adams avenue, Pawtucketville. Rent $8. Keys at occupied cottage. William A. Read, 522 Liberty street.

TO LET—Some first-class tenements in all parts of the city. Apply to A. G. Ballurrell, Room 6, Bon Marche Block.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—A bunch of keys. Reward paid by leaving at 50 John street.

LOST—A black and tan hound, name on collar, G. Southworth. Finder rewarded by leaving at fourth house past Gun Club street, Chelmsford Centre.

FOUND—Saturday night in Music hall a pair of glasses. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying charges.

LOST—Meerschaum pipe at corner of Fayette and Andover street. Dark red color and ornamented with silver trimming. Return to 34 Sycamore street and be rewarded.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE SUN ON SALE IN BOSTON.

The five o'clock edition of The Sun is on sale at the news stand in the Union Station, Boston.

UP-TO-DATE CALENDARS.

Our 1900 calendars are ready for distribution. Fire alarm on back. Call and get one. Dickson Bros., the big tea dealers, 68 Merrimack street.

CHRISTMAS.

It is not too early to remind you that it is most time to get your orders in for Christmas and if you are going to have anything special, order at once as the market indications are that real good stock is going to be scarce. We have ordered heavily of the best growers and our supply will be the best ever had in Lowell. Nothing adds more to a happy home than a small vase of cut flowers. Floral designs of the latest patterns. Patten & Roberts, florists, 8 Merrimack square. Telephone 63-3.

LOCAL NEWS.

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Eyesight by absorption. Dr. Taylor.

Elegant rubber tired hacks at O'Donnell's. Telephone, 391-4.

Get your money's worth by buying your Coal of W. E. Livingston, 15 Thorndike St.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The twentieth anniversary of Elrene lodge, I. O. G. T., was held last night in Pilgrim hall, and the occasion was marked by a supper and entertainment. There was a large attendance and the program was of the usual high class that governs all the entertainments held by this lodge. The program included selections by the Excelsior quartette; readings, Laura Cummings; piano solos, Percy Hands, Inez Turnbull; remarks, Hector Turnbull and phonograph numbers in charge of Frank McLean of Mt. Zion lodge. Letters were read from Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Gardner of Laconia, N. H., and Mr. and Mrs. Seth Warren of Pittsfield, Vt. Supper and a social hour followed the entertainment. The committee in charge consisted of W. F. Johnson, Hector Turnbull, George F. Tilton, Jr., Percy Hands, James Frizer, Misses Jessie Frost, Leola Craig and Mrs. W. F. Johnson, Mrs. Hector Turnbull and Mrs. Ida A. Tilton had charge of the supper, the young ladies of the lodge assisting.

Last night Grand Instructor William M. Webber and a large assembly of brothers were present at Centralville lodge, I. O. O. F., to witness the working of the third degree. There is no doubt that the third degree as conferred by this lodge with its many impressive features and perfect floor work, is unexcelled in the state and Grand Instructor Webber during his remarks said that he had never before seen the degree exemplified in so beautiful a manner. His talk was very interesting and full of instruction. Pianist Mason had the assistance of the Centralville lodge orchestra and it is needless to say that the music added greatly to the working of the degree. Remarks were made by Past Grands Fleming, Foye, Fuller, Cluer, Secretary Nevers, Noble Grand Carroll of the Oberlin lodge and others. Attendance 125. Installation and banquet next Wednesday evening.

One candidate was initiated and three candidates acted upon at the regular meeting of Lowell lodge, A. O. U. W., held last night. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: P. M. W., Frank I. Hall; M. W., Frederick G. Humphries; Foreman, Therlon A. Holt; overseer, John W. Duncan; recorder, Herbert W. Locke; (14th consecutive time); financier, Benj. Hodgman, (20th consecutive time); receiver, Leonard J. Labounty (20th consecutive time); guide, Elmer E. Crowell; I. S. W., Paul R. Burtt; O. S. W., James Murphy; representative to the grand lodge, Frank I. Hall; alernate, Robert H. Mulno; trustee for three years, Oren F. Goodson. It was voted to hold a public installation Wednesday, January 24, 1900. Recorder Locke reported that he had paid to the widow of the late P. M. Whitman of 301 Pawtucket street, $2000, the amount due her on the death of her husband, who was a member of Lowell lodge. Mrs. Whitman received the money in less than three weeks after her husband's death.

The following officers were elected last night at the regular meeting of Mechanics lodge, I. O. O. F., for the ensuing term: N. G., John A. Weinbeck; V. G., Samuel A. McPhetres; secretary, Frank B. Wright; treasurer, Arthur H. Slater; financial secretary, D. B. H. Bartlett; trustee for three years, Waldo Sargent; marshal, James E. White.

At the regular meeting of Emulus Thompson Commandery, U. O. G. C., held last vening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months: P. N. C., Lizzie A. Davis; N. C., Cynthia C. Howe; prelate, Georgianna Rhodes; K. of R.; W. H. Gilmah; F. K. of R., C. M. Young; treasurer, W. H. Emmott; herald, George Merrill; W. I. G., C. W. Cook; W. O. G., W. A. Jones; trustees one year, A. J. Jones, Lizzie A. Davis and W. A. Jones; rep., Lizzie A. Davis.

Routine business only was transacted at the regular meeting of Ladd and Whitney post 185, G. A. R., last night. Officers will be elected at the next regular meeting.

Last night the regular meeting of Clan Grant, A. O. S. C., was held and officers for the ensuing six months were elected. The officers elected were: Chief, George Gordon; tanist, George Campbell; chaplain, James Dempster; recording secretary, A. W. Mowatt; financial secretary, R. J. Houston; treasurer, William Houston; senior henchman, John Grant; junior henchman, Stewart Gregg; seneschall, William Chisholm; warder, D. Turnbull; sentinel, P. Caddell. The clan will hold a grand soiree concert and dance at Manchester Unity hall on New Year's night and a good time is expected.

At the meeting of Star of Lowell Circle, Foresters of America, held last night, six candidates were initiated and seven propositions were received. Officers for the ensuing term were elected and are as follows: Chief Companion, Maria Markham; sub chief companion, Miss Mary Welch; financial secretary, Ellen K. Roche; recording secretary, Mrs. Martha Walsh; left guide, Miss Geoghaean; right guide, Miss Mary Sullivan; inside guide, Miss Myers; outside guide, Miss Mary Dacey; physician, Dr. J. E. Leary.

At the regular meeting of Spindle City Circle, Foresters of America, held last night, seven candidates were initiated and three applications were received. Officers for the coming six months were elected as follows: Chief companion, Mrs. Clara McPhail; sub-chief companion, Mrs. Bridget Crane; financial secretary, Miss Rose Ward; recording secretary, Miss Kittie Collins; right guide, Miss B. Leonard; left guide, Miss Anne Sheehan; inside guard, Miss Maggie McCabbott; outside guard, Michael Gilligan; trustee for three years, Miss Annie Taylor; physician, Dr. McAdams.

At the regular meeting of James A. Garfield Post 120, G. A. R., Wednesday night, only routine business was transacted. At the meeting of the Ladies' Relief Corps the first Thursday in the new year the post will join with the corps in installing the corps' officers.

Dorcas Temple, Rathbone Sisters, held their regular meeting last night, and the officers were nominated.

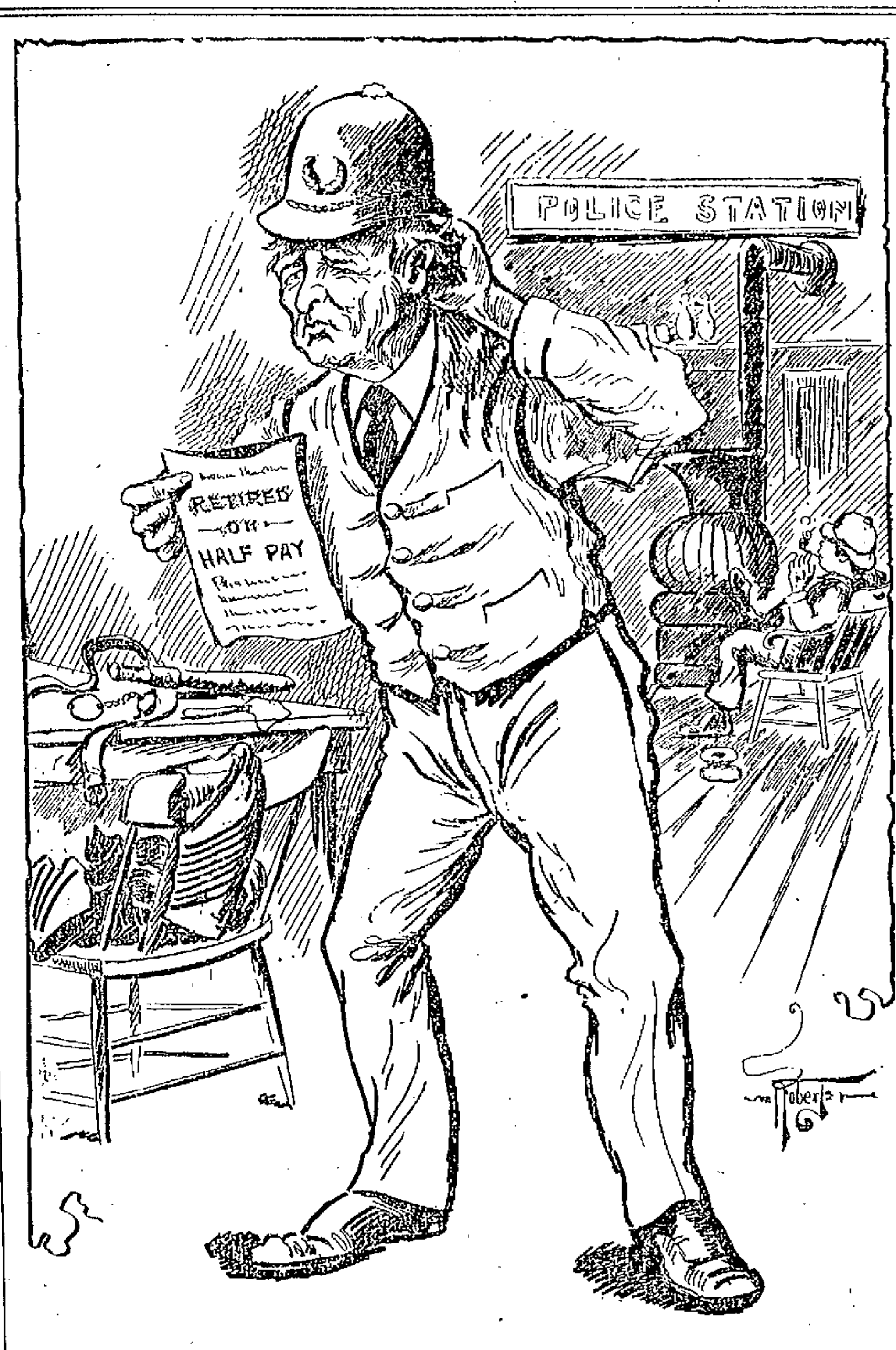
TEXTILE SCHOOL

TO BE ESTABLISHED BY FALL RIVER OPERATIVES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FALL RIVER, Mass. Dec. 28.—The Loomfixers' association yesterday completed a transaction by which it becomes the owner of a building and land on Bedford street, which will be converted into a textile school for the use of the members of that organization.

Dr. Colvin DENTIST 81 MERR. ST.



"I WOULD LEAVE MY HAPPY HOME FOR YOU."

A MIDNIGHT MASS

At the Immaculate Conception Church

AND ST. PETERS AND THE OTHERS

On SundayNight—Elaborate Musical Programs

As announced in yesterday's Sun, the beautiful service of the midnight mass will be held at St. Patrick's church to usher in the jubilee year or the close of the century. But St. Patrick's will not be the only church at which a midnight mass will be celebrated for all the local Catholic churches will avail themselves of the privilege in accordance with the authority given them by Archbishop Williams. A midnight mass on New Year's morning is unprecedented in this country.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

At the Belvidere church, the service will be carried out with characteristic splendor. The Christmas decorations will remain in place enhancing the beauty of the scene. The doors will open at 11 o'clock Sunday night, and the great bell will ring out at 11.30.

The front of the church on a line drawn across the transepts and extending for a score of pews farther down the centre aisle will be reserved for seat-holders to whom tickets will be distributed Sunday. Red tickets will admit to the centre aisle, blue to the seats on the west or Blessed Virgin side of the church and white tickets to the east or St. Joseph side. All the remainder of the room will be open to all who come.

The solemn high mass will begin promptly at the stroke of midnight. The choir will give a magnificent program. The service will open with the singing of Ave Verum. Then Kalliwoda's grand and most melodious mass will be sung and for the first time here with orchestral and organ accompaniment, the American orchestra having been engaged. At the offertory, Van Reyschoot's Christmas hymn Noel will be sung. At the close of the mass benediction will be given the choir singing Verdi's Tantum Ergo and the service will close with "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name," sung by the choir and congregation with organ and orchestra.

Holy communion will be given at the mass. Confessions will be heard throughout the evening, beginning at 6 o'clock. Those desiring to receive communion at this mass and who go to confession Saturday, are expected to ask permission of their confessor.

ST. MICHAEL'S.

Solemn high mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's at 12 o'clock Sunday night. The doors will be open at 11 o'clock. Director James Murphy will arrange an elaborate program and the soloists will be Mr. and Mrs. Murphy, Miss Nano Gallagher and Mr. Thomas P. Boulger.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

At St. Peter's church the midnight mass will be celebrated with all due solemnity and arrangements are under way for an elaborate musical service in connection with the mass.

SACRED HEART.

At the Moore street church, solemn high mass will be sung and Miss Sullivan, directress of the choir, has arranged a beautiful musical program.

A SUGGESTION.

Undoubtedly every church will be crowded at the midnight service, for the opportunity to attend it comes only once or twice in a lifetime. This generation will have midnight mass twice, next Sunday night and one year hence, when the new century shall be ushered in. Owing to the beauty of the service, hundreds of non-Catholics will probably attend. For the accommodation of the thousands who will attend the midnight mass, The Sun suggests that the street railroad company extend the running time on some of its lines to accommodate those wishing to attend.

EVANGELIST JACKSON

TO CONDUCT SERVICES AT TRINITARIAN CHURCH.

Rev. George F. Kenngott, speaking of Rev. Charles L. Jackson, who is to conduct the evangelistic services at the First Trinitarian church says:

"Dwight L. Moody, who always meant what he said, having heard Rev. Charles L. Jackson, the evangelist of Melrose, conduct a service in a crowded assembly, said of him: 'That young, slim, smooth-faced, black-haired man is one of the country's best evangelists.' Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D. D. an intimate friend of Mr. Jackson, commended him with equal warmth. Mr. F. P. Shumway of Boston, a leader in the work of the Y. M. C. A., and the Evangelistic Association, recommended him very highly. His personal character, the quality of his work and the success already achieved in other communities, commend him to the Lowell public.

"He begins a series of evangelistic meetings in the First Trinitarian Congregational church, Dutton street, on Wednesday, January 3d, at 7.30 p. m. There will be meetings every week-day evening except Saturday at 7.30 o'clock. All are invited to these services which are sure to be helpful."

TEAM FOUR WON

DEFEATED TEAM SIX IN Y. M. C. I. TOURNAMENT.

The contesting teams last night in the Y. M. C. I. bowling tournament were teams four and six, and the former team won easily, defeating their opponents by a margin of 303 pins. Tom Kelley of the winning team broke the single string record, making 213, while the former record was 217, held by Fee. Kelley was also high man of the evening, making 534 in the three strings. The score:

Team Four.

Kelley	218	147	169	534
Flood	157	155	126	438
Shinners	128	120	119	367
Barry	124	127	118	471
Henry	100	100	100	300
Total	627	659	663	2118

Team Six.

Dunham	150	139	163	462
McShea	125	125	125	375
*Jordan	100	100	100	300
*Donnelly	100	100	100	300
Sullivan	131	154	124	409
Total	615	618	612	1845

*Absent.

BRILLIANT COTILLION

AT BURBANK HALL LAST EVENING.

Burbank hall was the scene of a brilliant social event last evening, the occasion being a cotillion given under the patronage of four Belvidere ladies. The hall was elaborately decorated and the receiving party consisted of Mrs. Willis Farrington, Mrs. Alfred E. Hos , Mrs. Frank Holmes and Mrs. George H. Pillsbury. There were about 150 present and the evening was one of pleasure. Valentine's orchestra furnished music and at intermission a dainty lunch was served by the D. L. Page company. This is the first of a series of three parties to be held under the same auspices.

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Vinol is the greatest aid to digestion that we have ever known.

It is because Vinol acts so beneficially upon the stomach that it accomplishes so much good.

Vinol contains the active curative principles that are found in cod-liver oil, without any oil or grease.

These medicinal elements act so favorably upon the stomach, that this organ obtains for itself the elements necessary for creating new flesh, muscle tissue and for making rich red blood.

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With cod-liver oil as formerly taken the medicinal elements which it contained were too often unable to counteract the harm that was done by the obnoxious grease that enveloped them.

Now that in Vinol we have those same elements separated from the vile-tasting fat, we have a tonic and rebuilder that is simply marvelous in its action.

The following is a letter that will explain itself:

"This is to certify that I have used six bottles of Vinol, and have found it of great value as an appetizer and tonic in general debility. I have received so much benefit from its use that I gladly furnish this testimonial in order that others may be induced to give it a trial and prove to themselves its recuperative powers."—MRS. ELIZABETH FEENEY, Waterbury, Conn.

We want every one in this place to know more about our Vinol, how it cures and what it cures. Certainly the greatest tonic and rebuilder we have ever sold.

We, therefore, cordially invite any one interested to call upon us; and we want all to bear in mind that we will gladly refund to any one who is not satisfied with the action of Vinol every cent they pay for it.

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Your Mask

Nothing tells of age so quickly as gray hair. But age is only a mask! Why wear it longer? Better put it aside. Better restore color to your gray hair, all the rich, dark color of early life. You can do this by using

Ayer's Hair Vigor

It always restores color to gray hair, stops falling, and makes the hair grow thick and long.

For 60 years this has been the leading hair preparation of the world. It's a long record and stands as positive proof of genuine merit. We know you will be greatly pleased if you will only give our Hair Vigor a good trial.

$1.00 a bottle. All druggists.

"Ayer's Hair Vigor stopped the falling of my hair and restored it to its natural color."

MRS. E. Z. DENOMME, April 21, 1899. Cohoes, N. Y.

LAWTON FUND

HAS NOW REACHED A TOTAL OF $31,494.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—It was announced last night that Adjutant General Corbin has received in actual cash and checks, $11,325 towards the Lawton home fund, and has received notices of subscriptions from individuals and others in cities where funds are raising for the relief of General Lawton's family, sufficient to bring the total up to $31,494.

HARRIET ALLSOP

BURIED BY THE CARDERS' AND PICKERS' UNION.

When Mrs. Harriet Allsop died as the result of a burning accident on Christmas Eve, she did not have a friend to see to her burial. However, she was fortunate enough to be a member of the Carders 'and Pickers' union though she was entered on the books as Harriet Briggs, and the members of the union took more than a friendly interest in her. The deceased was entitled to a $40 death benefit from the union and with this the expenses of the funeral were defrayed. A delegation from the union attended the simple funeral and the following members of the body officiated as bearers: Thomas F. Connolly, Kate McCarthy, Mrs. Bamber, Johanna Keenan and Mary Munroe. Interment was in the Edson cemetery under the direction of Undertaker Peter Davey.

MATRIMONIAL.

Mr. John Francis Saunders, the well known and popular provision dealer of Gorham street and Miss Alice Josephine Mahoney, daughter of Overseer of the Poor Thomas Mahoney, were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock at the parochial residence of St. Patrick's parish. The matrimonial ceremony was performed by Rev. Edward F. Saunders of St. Peter's church and a cousin of the groom. The bride was attended by Miss Minnie I. Saunders, and the best man was Mr. Thomas P. Sullivan. The bride and bridemaid were handsomely attired in fine silk and looked charming. The marriage ceremony was followed by a reception which was held at the home of the bride's parents, 46 Butterfield street, and there a delectable wedding supper was served to friends and relatives, the D. L. Page company catering. There were many guests from out of town, including the following named: Patrick, William and Henry Mahoney of Norwich, Conn., Miss Helen and Elizabeth Saunders and Frederick Saunders of Newmarket, N. H.; Rose Lannon, Groveland, Mass., James Saunders and Thomas Mahoney of Mt. St. Mary's college, Emmittsburg, Md. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion with evergreen and potted plants. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders left on the 9.20 train for New York for an extended honeymoon and will visit other points of interest before returning. They will be at home to their friends early in February at their new home, 548 Fletcher street. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous costly wedding gifts.

FIELDING—HITCHEN.

Mr. Joseph F. Fielding, a popular salesman for M. Donovan & Co., wholesale fruit dealers, and Miss Sarah Hitchen, were united in marriage last evening at 7 o'clock at the First Primitive Methodist church, Rev. N. W. Matthews performing the marriage ceremony. The church was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns and other tropical plants for the occasion. The bride was attended by Miss Alice Ogley and was given away by her uncle, Mr. Thompson. The best man was Mr. Albert Fielding, brother of the groom. The bride was charmingly attired in white muslin and carried bride roses, and the bridesmaid also wore a becoming costume of white muslin. The ushers at the church were Messrs. William Fielding, Albert Bury, James Wilmot and Walter Jewett.

Immediately following the ceremony an informal reception was held at the bride's home, 15 Madison street. A bountiful wedding repast was served, the following ladies acting as waitresses: Mrs. Bury, Mrs. Pickles, Mrs. Ogley, Mrs. Wilmot, Miss Brown, Miss Sarah Ogley and Miss Maude Wilmot. Supper was followed by an impromptu program which included the following numbers: Vocal solo, Jas. Whitehead; piano selections, Albert Asquith; vocal duet, Osmond Long and Miss Alice Ogley; imitations, Thomas Howard.

Among the out-of-town guests present were Mrs. Hampson of Pawtucket, R. I.; Mrs. John Fielding of Lynn; Mr. Edward Fielding of Somerville and James Broadbent of New Bedford.

Mr. and Mrs. Fielding left late in the evening for an extended wedding trip which will include Boston, Lynn, and other points of interest. Upon their return they will reside at 15 Madison street where they will be at home to their friends after January 15. The happy couple were the recipients of many beautiful and costly wedding gifts.

RODDY—HALEY.

Mr. Michael Roddy and Miss Bridget Haley were united in marriage last evening at the parochial residence of St. Michael's parish at 6 o'clock, the ceremony being performed by the pastor Rev. William O'Brien. The bridemaid was Miss Nora Haley, the bride's sister, and Mr. Michael Burke was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at No. 174 Lakeview avenue.

BRODEN—QUINN.

Mr. Joseph Broden and Miss Anna A. Quinn were joined in wedlock yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the parochial residence of St. Patrick's parish, Rev. M. J. Leonard officiating.

DIED SUDDENLY

WARREN WEBSTER PASSED AWAY LAST NIGHT.

Last night, Warren Webster, an old and highly respected resident of this city, died very suddenly at his late residence in Varnum avenue. Mr. Webster had apparently enjoyed his usual health yesterday and had made a journey down town. He came home, ate his usual hearty supper and immediately retired, uttering not a word to convey the impression that he was in other than his usual health.

About 8.30, members of the family were startled by a slight noise seemingly emanating from the direction of his room. They went to his assistance just as the aged gentleman passed away.

Deceased was 71 years, 5 months of age and besides his widow he leaves three daughters and one son.

BENNETT'S SUPPER

CANDIDATE FOR SPEAKER ENTERTAINS DELEGATES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—In response to a printed notification issued a day or two ago, about half a hundred supporters of Mr. Bennett gathered at the Bellevue in Boston yesterday. The early arrivals found the new Bennett headquarters in charge of M. E. H. Dockham, who has figured as Mr. Reed's secretary. The stenographer who had been employed in Mr. Reed's Adams house headquarters has also transferred his equipment to the Bellevue.

Before the dinner Mr. Bennett's committee gave out the following statement:

"The withdrawal of Mr. Reed in favor of Mr. Bennett renders Mr. Bennett's nomination on the first ballot now very probable, and there is no doubt of his nomination if more than one ballot is taken.

"As the business men's candidate Mr. Bennett has the support of business men all over the state. He is making steady gains. An increase of no less than 15 in the number of his supporters this week is expected to be followed by further gains of a positive nature during the next few days; in fact, Mr. Bennett's nomination is now practically assured.

"If there is any doubt upon this subject we are willing to compare names and figures with the friends of any of the other candidates."

There were 52 republican members-elect at Mr. Bennett's dinner in the cafe of the Bellevue. These included 20 of the Bristol county delegation, which was given the place of honor at the head table. Representative Davis of Amesbury presided and after-dinner speeches were made by Reed of Taunton, Gilpatric of Boston, Burrington of Franklin, Weeks of Fall River, Francis of New Bedford, Bennett of Saugus, Salter of Lynn, Emerson of Boston, Pettingell of Salisbury, Mills of Fall River, Hunt of Worcester, Porter of Lynn, Sprague of Quincy and Dowse of Malden.

Notice is hereby given, that the subscriber has been duly appointed public administrator of the estate of James Carrane, alias James Currane, alias James Carrone, late of Lowell, in the county of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are hereby required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

JOHN W. McEVOY, Public Administrator, 137 Central street, Lowell, Mass.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREE.

Through an error some tickets for the Christmas tree function at the women's branch of the People's club tonight, have reached the hands of children older than those for whom it is intended. Children between the ages of 4 and 10 only are invited. Older ones will not be admitted. The tickets were given to children who attended the summer playground school managed by the Middlesex Women's club, and there will be room for only a hundred of the little folks. A good time is assured to all the fortunate ones of the required ages and gifts and feasting galore will be there.

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Middlesex, ss.

To the heirs at law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of HENRY M. BACON, late of Lowell, in said county, deceased, intestate:

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to ANNIE S. BACON of Lowell, in the county of Middlesex without giving a surety on her bond:

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held in Cambridge, in said county of Middlesex on the second day of January, A. D. 1900, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Lowell Sun a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-third day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

S. H. FOLSOM, Register.

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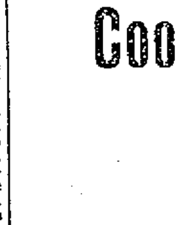

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